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Wilmington Library News:

Tonie figures have arrived at the Wilmington Memorial Library

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, May 28, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29, 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 1, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL Creative Writing Skills Group
Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast Barbara Alevras. To register, email Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll at *adultservices@wilmlibrary.org* with the name of the event.

Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center
Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m.
For more than two decades, Strongwater Farm has improved the quality of life and health for thousands of children and adults with special needs in the Greater Boston area through professional Equine-Assisted Services (EAS). Join us for a tour of the facility and learn more about their work. Please note, we will be meeting at the farm!

Needleworkers
Friday, May 31, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, May 28, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Music with Dara
Wednesday, May 29, 10 a.m.
With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/ simple instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expresion and FUN! Ages 2-5, siblings welcome

Bilingual Story Hour
Wednesday, May 29, 3 p.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Family Craft Night: Kindness Rocks
Wednesday, May 29, 6 p.m.
Work together with your family to spread joy and decorate your gardens with kindness rocks! All ages

Baby Time
Thursday, May 30, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Sensory Discovery for Teens
Friday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.
Sensory Discovery is designed as an enrichment activity with fun games and crafts for neurodiverse teens! Ages 14-18

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

WHAT IS A TONIEBOX?
A Toniebox is an easy-to-use, screen-free audio player for little listeners! Switch out Tonie characters on the top of the box to listen to stories & music. Go on an audio adventure with your favorite Disney and Pixar characters, Paw Patrol, characters from books, and more!
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Tonie Figures
To be used with a Toniebox
Astronaut
Matilda
Monsters Inc.
101 Dalmations

▲ Exciting news! Tonies have arrived at WML and are available for two week checkouts! Tonieboxes are easy-to-use, screen-free audio players for kids of all ages. We have over 90 figures to choose from and 5 Toniebox kits, so there's something for everyone! (Courtesy photo)

MacGilvray named to Dean's List at Assumption

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced that **Ashley MacGilvray**, of **Wilmington**, Class of 2025, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth in the company of friends that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is a premier New England University for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education.

Assumption's graduates are known for their intellectual seriousness, thoughtful citizenship, and dedication to the common good. Located in Worcester, Assumption has undergone a series of major advancements since transitioning to a university, including new academic buildings, degree programs, and athletic facilities for our NCAA Division II student athlete population.

The University offers 38 majors and 50 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing, and professional studies, and other areas, as well as graduate degrees and professional credentials.

For more information about Assumption University, please visit *www.assumption.edu*.

Watne named to Dean's List at Pitt-Bradford

BRADFORD, PA — The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford has named more than 300 students to its spring 2024 Dean's list.

Dean's list status is awarded to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Among those named to the Dean's list was **Sandra Watne**, a sophomore exercise science student from **Wilmington**.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

On The Mat (podcast) Episode 5
On this episode of "On The Mat," hosts Jacob and Braedon were joined by Wilmington High School senior Hannah Bryson! The episode takes a deep dive into Hannah's experience as a part of the WHS wrestling team. They also talked about her best friend and drill partner, Mason, and how he helped prepare her for the New England tournament. Tune in, this is an episode that you don't wanna miss!

Quilters Guild Show at Wilmington Knights of Columbus
Recently, The Burlington Quilters Guild, hosted their annual Quilt Show and Boutique at Wilmington's Knights of Columbus hall and WCTV was there to capture and showcase all of the amazing quilts, crafts, and more!

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:
Tuesday May 28, 7 p.m. Select Board (*Special date) View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

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by Todd Brisbois

TAX BASICS FOR SETTING UP A BUSINESS:
— PART I —

Here are a few things any entrepreneur needs to do when starting their business.

Choose a business structure: The form of business determines which income tax return a business needs to file. The most common business structures are:

- Sole proprietorship: An unincorporated business owned by an individual. There's no distinction between the taxpayer and their business.
- Partnership: An unincorporated business with ownership shared between two or more members.
- Corporation: Also known as a C corporation. It's a separate entity owned by shareholders.
- S Corporation: A corporation that elects to pass corporate income, losses, deductions and credits through to the shareholders.
- Limited Liability Company: A business structure allowed by state statute. If a single-member LLC does not elect to be treated as a corporation, the LLC is a "disregarded entity," and the LLC's activities should be reflected on its owner's federal tax return as a sole proprietorship.

Choose a tax year: A tax year is an annual accounting period for keeping records and reporting income and expenses. A new business owner must choose either:

- Calendar year: 12 consecutive months beginning January 1 and ending December 31.
- Fiscal year: 12 consecutive months ending on the last day of any month except December.

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Visit Hawk Valley Farm near Lowell General Hospital

Lifestyle

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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Tucked into a wooded area in a neighborhood near Lowell General Hospital is an oasis of nature. Part of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, the nearly 5-acre property known as Hawk Valley Farm has been owned by the Varnum family since the 1660s.

◀ Remnants of farming equipment and an old foundation are some of the sights at Hawk Valley Farm in Lowell.
(Rosalyn Impink photo)

The parcel is lovely for walk and transports visitors from the concrete of the city to the peacefulness that only a wooded landscape can provide.

Thanks to centuries of farming and agricultural use, the soil is rich and has fostered the growth of nut trees. Shagbark hickory, butternut, and black walnut trees can be found along with many berry species. As a result of the diversity of habitat, the farm has become a favorite with birders who have listed over 60 species spotted.

Visitors to the property will find the granite block foundation of an old cabin and barn, and other evidence of farming history. The property was last worked in the 1920s, but had been tended to as part of a thousand acre farm along the banks of the Merrimack River.

Varnum family members would row across the Merrimack from their home to tend to their livestock and crops according to records from the time. Through research, UMass Lowell historians have documented that the land formerly belonged to the Penacook Confederacy, an alliance of Native American tribes that had settled the Merrimack Valley and banded together in the late 17th century in response to the influx of European colonists.

Clay Pit Brook crosses the property, serving as important flood storage for the area. There are still bridge abutments that can be seen; produce was carried across the bridge to ferries that took crops to the city to be sold.

Wildlife in this urban oasis includes deer and muskrats, squirrels and abundant birds. Plants on the site include bloodroot, yellow trout lily, wild strawberry, pickerel weed along Clay Pit Brook, and goldenrod, to name just a few.

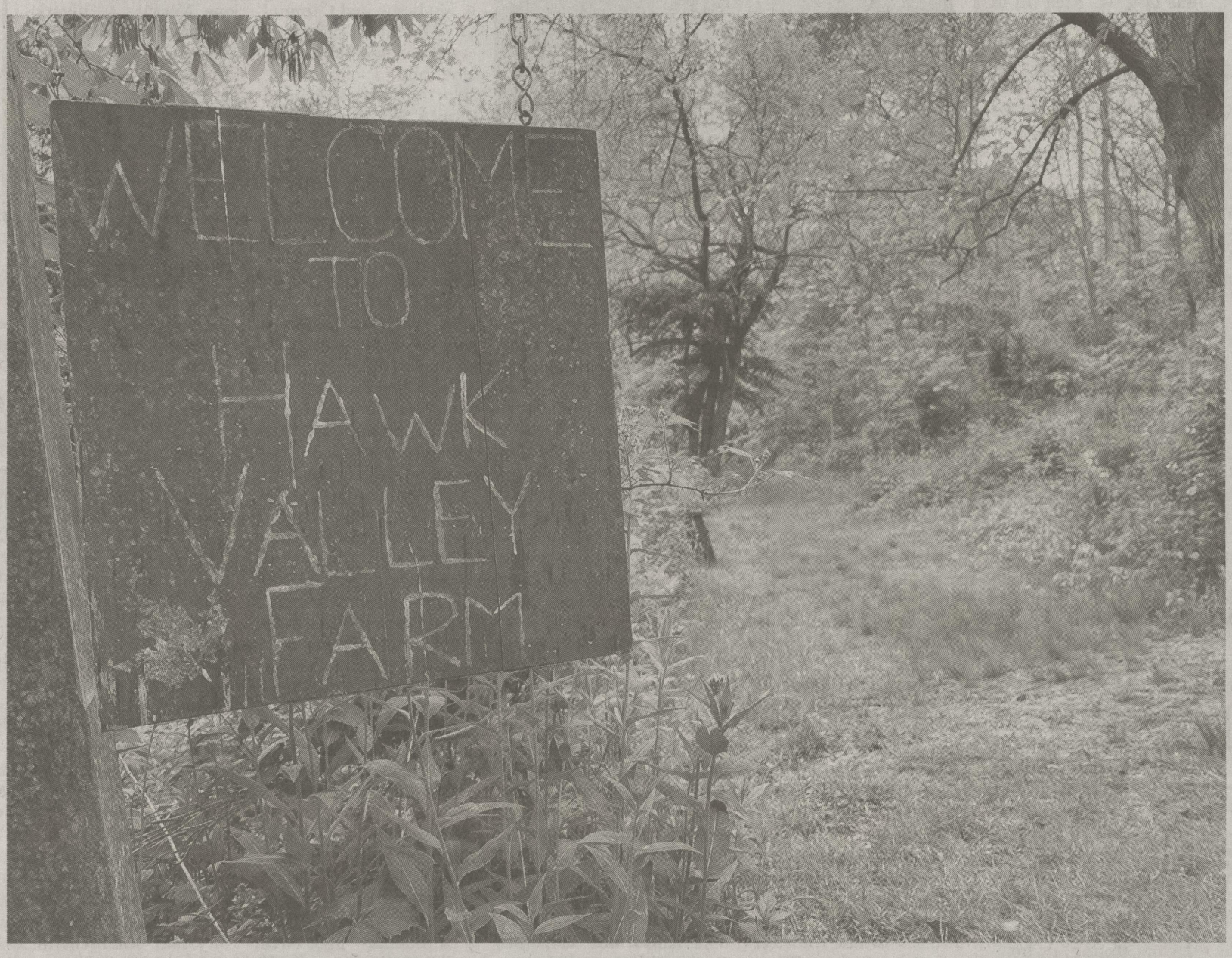
Hawk Valley Farm is often visited by school groups as a way to introduce students to nature. Extensive programming is offered such as scavenger hunts, bird watching programs, and even natural textile dyeing. For a small parcel, it gives back tremendously.

The property is accessible in all seasons. On the day we visited, it was rainy and the paths were starting to get overtaken with growth. Dressed properly for insect protection, it is still a neat place to explore, and dogs on leash are welcomed.

In the winter it is possible to see all the way to the Merrimack River. What is unique about the property is its biodiversity right in the middle of densely developed land, showing that it is possible to preserve and protect delicate habitats in the midst of human encroachment.

The property can be accessed off of Varnum Street on Varnum Terrace. There are markers for the entrance. Please park so as not to block the neighbors.

Lowelllandtrust.org



▲ Hawk Valley Farm has been in the Varnum family since the 1660s.
(Rosalyn Impink photo)

◀ Wide paths with berry bushes criss-cross the property.
(Rosalyn Impink photo)

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Local students named to Dean's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — **Nicholas Doyle** of **Wilmington** and **Yohanna Angomas, Christopher Antonelli, Scott Valler and Dominic Iannacci** of **Tewksbury** have been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2024 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Learn more at *www.snhu.edu*.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Notice of Vegetation Management Control Operations

The Town of Wilmington will be selectively spraying herbicides along roadsides within Town owned Rights of Way, pursuant to 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management, as defined in the Town's five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for 2020-2024 and Yearly Operations Plan (YOP) for 2024. This treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program which also utilizes mechanical and natural control techniques to control roadside weeds and invasive vegetation.

Foliar treatments and cut stump applications using herbicides approved for use near sensitive areas will take place between June 3, 2024 and October 19, 2024. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew availability. Treatments will be made by Wilmington DPW licensed / certified applicators using the herbicides listed in the Yearly Operations Plan, as referenced on the Wilmington DPW's Tree Division / Vegetation Management website at http://wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA_PublicWorks/tree.

Technical questions related to the treatment program, VMP, or YOP may be directed to DPW Director Jamie Magaldi at 978-658-4481, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Upcoming local events

May 22, Learn about the Lions Club, TJ Callahan's, 7 p.m.

May 22, Food Truck Festival at Tewksbury Memorial High School, sponsored by the Wynn School PAC. 5 - 8 p.m. stop by the high school and enjoy many food trucks for dinner and see the robotics team and other vendors.

May 23, Strongwater Farm Gala honoring Jim and Pat Carter. Lanam Club in Andover, 4 - 8 p.m. This year, the Gala will feature a salute to service and will honor local philanthropists Jim and Pat Carter as the recipients of the 2024 Make a Difference Award for their significant contributions to our country and community. Tickets and info at *jbryan@strongwaterfarm.org*.

May 27, Memorial Day Parade, Tewksbury, 11 a.m. from town center, Memorial Service 10 a.m. East Street cemetery

June 1&2, Tewksbury Piecemakers Quilt Show, Tewksbury Senior Center, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m, $8 admission, kids under 12 free. Raffles, yard sale, demonstrations.

June 2, Tewksbury Pride Picnic, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., music from Tee and the Gents and BBQ from Code 1 BBQ, town common

June 7, Tewksbury Health Fair, Tewksbury Senior Center, 2 - 5 p.m.

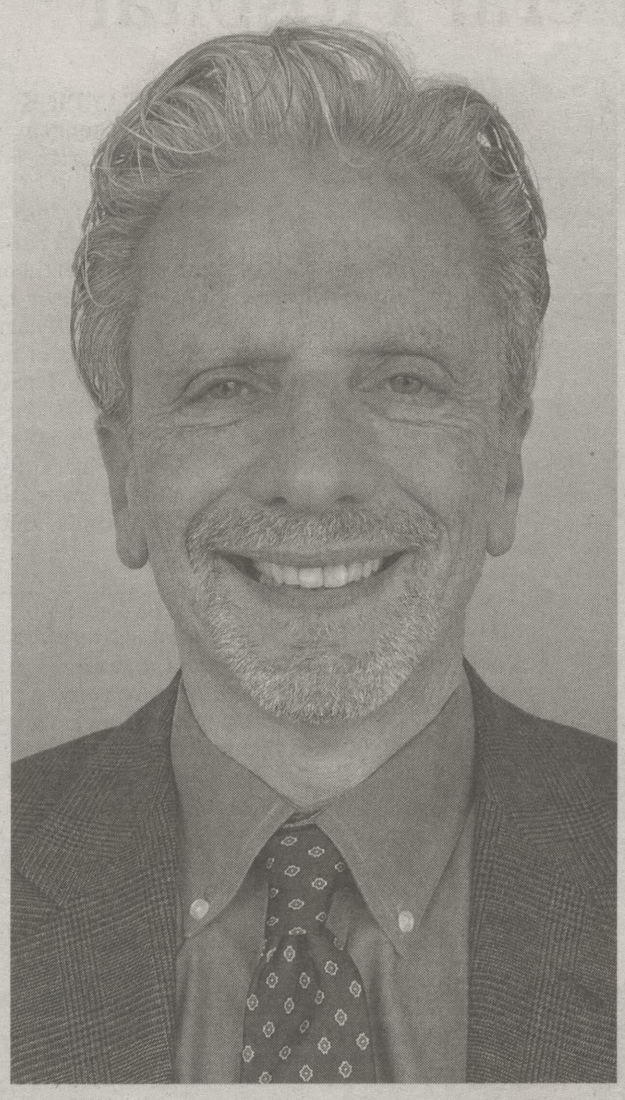
June 8, Tewksbury Historical Society Annual Meeting, 1 p.m. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main St.

June 8, Friends of the Tewksbury Library Community Yard Sale. 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., bake sale, Kona Ice, rent a table for $25 contact *friendstplibrary@gmail.com*

June 14, 2024, Kick Off to Summer Event at Livingston Street 1 - 3 p.m. Join the Tewksbury Public Library, Police, Fire, and School Departments at Livingston Street Recreational Complex for a Summer Kickoff Event. Family friendly, free, and no registration required.

June 20, Dine out at Café Sicilia to support the Friends of the Library.

Kids Eat Free at iHop, Tewksbury from 4 - 10 p.m. every day. One free kids' entrée with each full-priced adult entrée purchase. Valid every day, 4 - 10 p.m. Dine-in only. Restrictions may apply.



Dr. Ragucci honored as 2024 Community Clinician of the Year

WALTHAM — Dr. John A. Ragucci, a Tewksbury resident and family medicine physician at Tufts Medicine/Lowell General Hospital, has been selected as the Middlesex North District Medical Society's 2024 Community Clinician of the Year.

Dr. Ragucci is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at Tufts University School of Medicine and a clinical instructor, Introduction to Clinical Medicine, at Boston University School of Medicine.

A fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Ragucci was recognized as one of the top doctors in Massachusetts in 2022 and was the Boston University School of Medicine Community Preceptor of the Year in 2019. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society for more than 35 years and is a graduate of Boston College, Northeast University (Master of Health Science) and Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Ragucci is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society.

Local students graduate from Regis College

WESTON — Regis College celebrated its 94th commencement ceremony on May 11, 2024 at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston, where more than 1,100 students received degrees ranging from associate to doctorate.

Members of the Class of 2024 celebrated their accomplishments with an inspirational commencement ceremony at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston featuring humanitarian and nurse Alix Dorsainvil, '14, who delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree. Social justice advocates Dr. Alix Cantave and Charlotte Cramer Wagner received honorary degrees.

"Not only are you college graduates, you are Regis College graduates," said President Antoinette Hays, PhD, RN in her message to the graduates. "That really means something. It means that each of you have engaged in a journey of learning in which the university has contributed to forming your character and confidence in preparing you for a career, and more importantly, a life of meaning."

"Never stop learning, for learning is a lifelong journey," Hays continued. "Use the knowledge you gained at Regis to make the world a better place."

In her address, Dorsainvil urged graduates to use what they have learned at Regis to continue to serve the dear neighbor without distinction, a core value of Regis' founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph.

"There is great freedom to be found in forgiveness and abundant love," she said. "To the graduates who have a dream and no idea how to make it a reality, trust you have been prepared by your courses and equipped with a valuable skillset and allow the Regis' mission to guide you to lead a life worth living."

Thousands of friends and family members attended the ceremony, bringing their support and enthusiasm in celebration of the graduates' achievements.

The following local students earned degrees:

- **Brianna Ferreira of Wilmington**, graduated with a BS in Dental Hygiene
- **Amanda Lafauci of Wilmington**, graduated with a Bs in Nursing Accelerated 16 Months
- **Kazumi Walton of Wilmington**, graduated with a BS in Nursing (RN to BS Completion Pathway II)
- **Susana Hernandez-Ventura of Tewksbury**, graduated with a Bs in Nursing Accelerated 24 Months
- **Camila Vasquez Pena of Tewksbury**, graduated with a BS in Medical Imaging

Regis College is a coed university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston nearly a century ago. With over 3,200 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences.

In line with Regis' mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, and bachelor's completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence.

The university's 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Regis challenges, inspires, and supports students who are driven by passion, purpose, and a pursuit to positively impact the world within a learning community that embraces inclusivity and innovation and builds strong character, confidence, and careers.

Visit *regiscollege.edu* to learn more.

WHS students honored with Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship Award

WILMINGTON — Four outstanding students from Wilmington High School have been selected as recipients of the prestigious 'Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship,' generously sponsored by Monteforte Law, P.C., headquartered in Woburn.

As the owner of the firm, Michael Monteforte Jr. established this scholarship program in loving memory of his grandfather, Albert Iamelli, affectionately known as "Papa." Albert was a notable presence in high school sports throughout New England, deeply engaged as a referee for football and umpire for baseball.

His active involvement extended to leadership roles, where he showed great qualities by leading the New England Football Officials and Baseball Officials associations as their president.

Each year, the Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship recognizes exceptional student-athletes who embody the values of sportsmanship, leadership, and community service. We're excited to extend our congratulations to the students from Wilmington High School who have been selected as recipients of this year's scholarships:

- **Evan Woltag**, who will be attending Merrimack College
- **Michael Dynan**, who will be attending Bryant University
- **Austin Raymond Harper**, who will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology
- **Olivia Solari**, who remains undecided on her college choice

These remarkable individuals have demonstrated exemplary leadership, academic excellence, and sportsmanship both on and off the field, inspiring their peers and positively impacting their communities. Monteforte Law, P.C. extends its heartfelt congratulations to Evan, Olivia, Michael, and Austin on their well-deserved recognition, extending our sincere best wishes for a bright and successful future ahead!

For more information about "The Albert Iamelli Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship" and Monteforte Law, P.C.'s commitment to excellence in Estate Planning and Elder Law, please visit *www.montefortelaw.com*.

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- **Barbara Tunai-Michels of Wilmington**
- **Angela Scolastico of Wilmington**
- **Sarah Nille of Wilmington**
- **Jenna Moretto of Wilmington**
- **Emily Freitas of Wilmington**
- **Aly Colantuoni of Wilmington**
- **Alex Richards of Tewksbury**
- **Brennan Rodgers of Tewksbury**
- **Michael Ladderbush of Tewksbury**
- **Trevor Harris of Tewksbury**
- **Gregg Bennett of Tewksbury**
- **Brian Enos of Tewksbury**
- **Trevor Lindsey of Tewksbury**
- **Patrick Letourneau of Tewksbury**
- **Marissa Galat of Tewksbury**

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Book Stew Review

'Women of Good Fortune' by Sophie Wan

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

What fun when a seemingly predictable book goes off the rails! This novel takes place in Shanghai, where three best friends are struggling with their disappointing mid-30s lives when abruptly, hope glimmers in the form of a daring daylight ripoff.

Lulu is a gorgeous restaurant hostess who is engaged to one of the wealthiest men in the city, but she doesn't really know him or love him, and his mother is a hatebeast.

Jane's mother has always distained her daughter's lack of good looks. She's unhappily married to a tech dudebro and they've got nothing in common, so expensive plastic surgery is Jane's ladder to a happier life.

Rina works incredibly long hours at a difficult job and is denied a promotion because she's expected to get married, have children, and quit. The solution to all these woes? Steal the wedding haul right out from under the groom's horrible mother's nose, run away to Thailand, and live happily ever after, of course.

All the planning and scheming is the best part of an occasionally silly plot containing some minor holes, but it's a joyous audio book for a short or long commute.

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OBITUARIES

Bessie P. 'Betty' (Burns) Crogan

Services scheduled for Thursday morning

Bessie P. (Burns) Crogan, "Betty," age 93, a long-time resident of Woburn, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2024.

Betty was the beloved wife of the late Donald V. Crogan, devoted mother of David Crogan and his wife Laurie Langford of Johnston, RI, April Crogan of Plainville, and the late Jean Schultz, loving "Grammy" "Nana" of Christopher Crogan, Cindy Ascolillo, David Crogan, Jr., Steven Schultz, Stacie Medina, and Brannon Kernander, "Great Grammy" of six great-grandchildren, cherished daughter of the late Howard G. and Mae Lillian (Young) Burns.

Betty is survived by her sisters Judith Bradley of Reading and Marjorie Thibeault of Goffstown, NH, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Wednesday, May 22 from 4 - 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, May 23 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Glenna F. (Creamer) Sandberg

Enjoyed sewing and quilting for family

Glenna F. (Creamer) Sandberg, age 87, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on May 20, 2024.

Glenna was born on July 8, 1936, in Wilmington; she was the cherished daughter of the late Harold Creamer, Sr. and Anna (Moore) Creamer. Glenna was raised in Reading and graduated from Reading High School.

Glenna married her husband, Ernest E. Sandberg; they settled in Wilmington in 1971, where they raised their children, Karen, and Keith. Glenna was a wonderful mother and homemaker; she was proud of her family and the home she and Ernest built together.

Glenna enjoyed sewing and quilting, especially for her family. She made many beautiful quilts that will be treasured by her family and friends. Glenna was a wonderful cook and enjoyed hosting holidays and special occasions.

Glenna will be remembered for her warm personality; she maintained her friendships throughout her life with her friends from high school. She enjoyed going to lunch, shopping and "catching up" with them. Glenna was also very fond of her cats; they were her comfort and she adored them.

Glenna was the beloved wife of the late Ernest E. Sandberg, devoted mother of Karen Couture and her husband John of Mason, NH, and Keith Sandberg and his wife Dawn of Tewksbury, loving "Grammy" of Kyle, Ryan, and Noah, dear sister of the late Hal Creamer, Jr., dear cousin of Barbara Carpenter and the late Charlotte Stewart.

Glenna is survived by her best friend, Ruthie Prescott, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, May 23 from 3 - 5:30 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Home Service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorial donations in Glenna's name may be made to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Shawsheen announces semester two Seniors of the Month

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly announces its distinguished seniors of the month for semester two. This initiative underscores the school's commitment to recognizing and celebrating exceptional students, all of whom will receive special commendation from The Billerica Lodge of Elks.

Furthermore, these seniors represent the finalists competing for the 'Senior of the Year' accolade, which will be announced during an awards celebration on May 19.

The Senior of the Month program spotlights two outstanding seniors each month who exemplify specific criteria. These criteria include character, leadership, citizenship, service to the school and community, scholastic achievement, and vocational competencies.

Honored for their remarkable contributions to their class and Shawsheen Tech, these students are chosen with the expectation that they will become exemplary alumni, leaving a positive lasting impact on the community beyond graduation.

JANUARY

SKYLA DOYLE, a senior medical assisting student from Billerica, has been honored as the female Senior of the Month for January.

Engaged in various volunteer endeavors, Skyla dedicates her time as a freshmen tutor, contributes to NHS volunteer initiatives, and serves as an ambassador for Shawsheen events.

Balancing academics with practical experience, Skyla demonstrates her commitment to her field by working as a medical assistant at New England Women's Healthcare through Shawsheen's cooperative education (co-op) program.

A true leader in both the classroom and the Shawsheen community, Skyla holds the competitive position of treasurer for National Honor Society. Additionally, she plays an integral role in the yearbook club, serves as one of Shawsheen's orientation leaders, and competes in SkillsUSA competitions.

With an impressive 3.8 GPA in one of Shawsheen's more rigorous vocational programs, Skyla's dedication to her studies is evident. Post-graduation, she will attend Brandeis University to pursue a degree in biology on a premed track.

JAKE AMOROSO, a resident of Billerica and dedicated student in masonry at Shawsheen, stands out as a beacon of excellence. Named the male Senior of the Month for January, Jake's reputation for unwavering diligence and remarkable talent precedes him.

Driven by a deep-seated passion for the craft of masonry, Jake has honed his skills under the mentorship of his teachers while actively engaging in SkillsUSA. His commitment has yielded results, evident in his accolades including gold medals at both the district and state levels, and an outstanding fourth-place finish at nationals during his junior year. This year, Jake placed second at a very rigorous state competition, earning a silver medal.

Further showcasing his competency, Jake clinched first place in the junior division at the Massachusetts Trowel Trade Association competition.

Beyond his dedication to masonry, Jake participates in the school community by assuming leadership roles in boys' hockey and devoting his time to volunteer work for the Billerica Hockey Association's cancer initiative.

Jake has been accepted into an apprenticeship program as a local 3 bricklayer, and he will graduate early to begin this opportunity. Armed with a stellar track record and determined spirit, Jake is excited to start his professional journey in the industry he's passionate about.

FEBRUARY

REAGAN BOWDEN, a dedicated electrical student at Shawsheen Tech, stands proudly amongst the top 10 in her class. Her outstanding academic achievements and unwavering RAMS spirit were highlighted when she was named the female Senior of the Month for February. A resident of Burlington, Reagan embodies a unique blend of diligence, approachability, and athleticism.

Her leadership skills are evident in her roles as the varsity volleyball captain during her senior year and her consecutive second-year tenure as the varsity softball team captain. Notably, Reagan earned the acclaimed softball CAC all-star title in 2021 and the volleyball CAC all-start title in 2023, marking her as a standout athlete in both sports.

Engaged in hands-on learning, Reagan actively participates in the cooperative education program at Shawsheen, lending her expertise to Driscoll Electric. Moreover, she is a respected member of National Honor Society and a competitor on Shawsheen's SkillsUSA team, where she has won both bronze and silver medals.

After graduation, Reagan plans to enter the workforce fulltime as an electrical apprentice. She plans to pursue electrical code classes while continuing her education at night for a degree in accounting.

COLE KELLEY, a resident of Billerica, is a distinguished senior in Shawsheen Tech's HVAC+R program.

Cole's accolades speak volumes about his dedication and skill. He boasts an impressive record as a two-time national gold medalist for Shawsheen's SkillsUSA chapter. Remarkably, he is poised to compete at nationals again this year, after earning the gold medal at the state competition once again, aiming to become the first ever to clinch three national gold medals in HVAC+R.

Beyond his technical and academic achievements, Cole is deeply committed to serving his community. He demonstrated this commitment by participating in the Pan Mass Challenge in 2023 and volunteering at the M.I.T Beaver Works Institute for the past six years. Additionally, he actively supports Shawsheen's outreach efforts, serving as a presenter to middle schools and is an ambassador during open houses.

Cole's dedication extends to his work experience as well. He has gained valuable skills through positions at Dodge Cooling and Heating, Baystate Pool Supplies, and Market Basket. Currently, he participates in Shawsheen's cooperative education program and works with UniQure INC.

With his outstanding achievements, diverse experiences, and unwavering commitment, Cole is ready to make a positive impact in both his academic and professional endeavors.

After high school, Cole plans to enter the workforce as an HVAC service apprentice for Local 537 Pipefitters.

MARCH

ANNA DOUGHTY, a resident of Tewksbury and a medical assisting student at Shawsheen, is the female Senior of the Month for March. Ranking in the top 15 of her class, Anna is not only academically accomplished but also actively engaged in the civic life at Shawsheen. Embracing leadership roles, she serves as an orientation leader, ambassador, and holds the esteemed position of President of National Honor Society. Anna's dedication extends to SkillsUSA, where she has earned the district bronze medal three times.

In her role as a Medical Assistant at New England Women's Healthcare through the co-op program, Anna finds joy in aiding patients and cultivating a profound reverence for the miracle of new life.

Looking ahead, Anna sets her sights on UMass Lowell, where she plans to pursue a major in biology with a pre-health concentration. Eager to continue her pursuit of academic excellence, she aspires to build a career as a physician assistant.

LUIS HENRIQUE-GALICIA, a talented graphic designer and resident of Tewksbury, is a student in Shawsheen Tech's Design and Visual Communications Program.

Outside of school, Luis is deeply engaged in his community. He dedicates his time volunteer at his church, assisting with events and activities, while also helping to clean and maintain the church grounds. Additionally, he has served as an assistant coach for his brother's soccer team, which showcases his commitment to both family and community.

Luis's compassion extends beyond local boundaries. He embarked on a mission's trip to Guatemala in 2019, where he worked to serve those in need. During his time there, he distributed clothes and other donations to local families.

At Shawsheen, Luis is an active participant in various extracurricular activities. He contributes his talents to yearbook club, the school newspaper, and he competed on the JV Track team his sophomore and junior years.

Juggling academic pursuits with his involvement in athletics and clubs, Luis also holds employment at Mac's Dairy Farm in Tewksbury, showcasing his strong work ethic and ability to multitask.

As he looks to the future, Luis plans to continue working while attending Middlesex Community College to study business.

APRIL

ALLISON DINELLI is a driven student from Billerica, specializing in culinary arts and hospitality at Shawsheen Tech.

Academically, Allison shines brightly. She's a proud member of National Honor Society and ranks among the top 20 students in her class.

Outside of the classroom, Allison is deeply committed to community service. She volunteers regularly at the Billerica Public Library, assisting in the development of engaging programs for children and teenagers. Moreover, within the Shawsheen community, Allison plays an active role as an ambassador during open houses and serves as a dedicated teacher's assistant for Project Explore, demonstrating her devotion to her peers and the educational environment.

Athletics have also been a part of Allison's journey, as she participated on the JV girls soccer team. Additionally, as a member of the Traveling Rams Club, she recently went abroad for an enriching experience to Italy.

After graduation, Allison plans to attend Johnson and Wales University, where she plans to major in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.

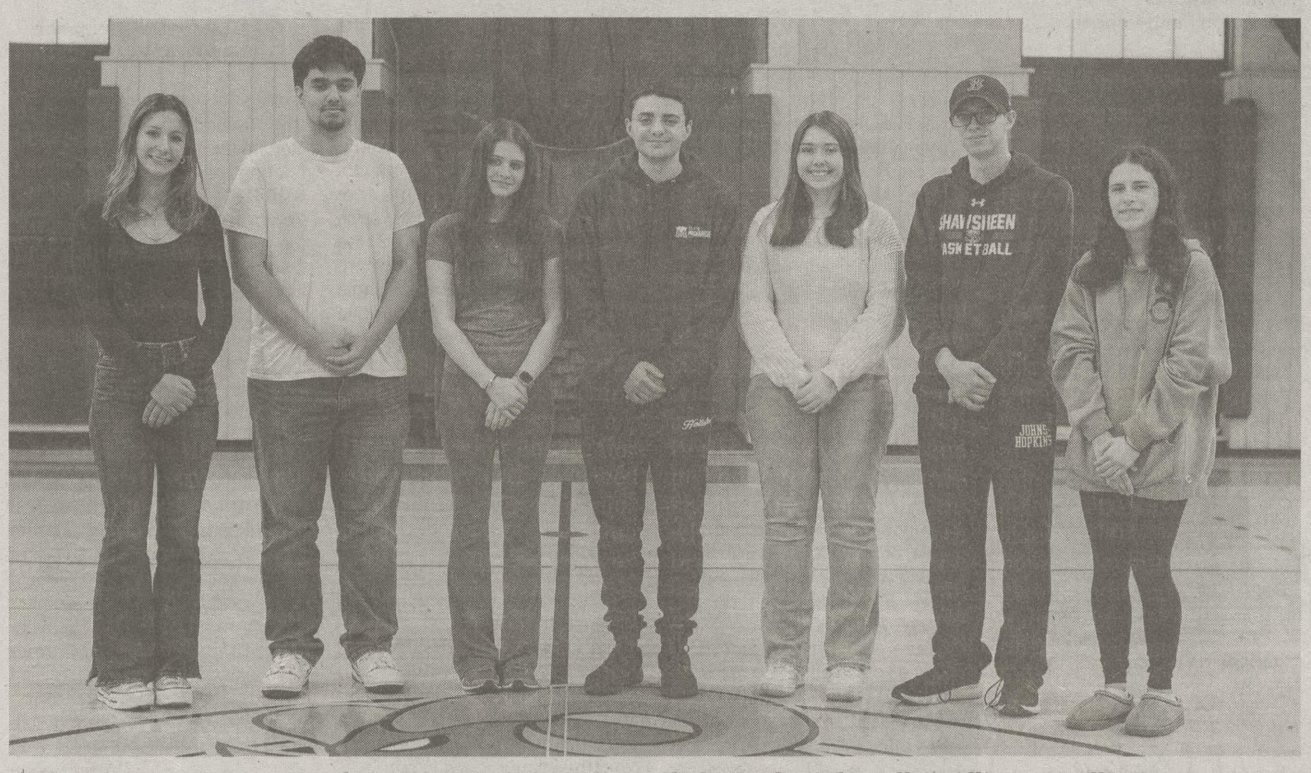
GEOFFREY CAVANAUGH, a dedicated student enrolled in Shawsheen's medical assisting program, is a proud resident of Wilmington.

Geoffrey is deeply committed to community service, actively participating in various initiatives. He serves as a third rider for Action Ambulance and is dedicated to helping Wilmington Fire Department with their annual Toys for Tots Drive.

In addition to his volunteer work, Geoffrey is highly engaged within his community and school. He's been an integral part of Shawsheen's activities, including serving on yearbook club during his junior and senior years, managing the varsity boys basketball team, and leading as an orientation leader. Notably, he is also a United States Naval Sea Cadet.

Balancing his academic pursuits with community involvement, Geoffrey also works per diem for funeral homes, where he contributes his expertise to entry-level medical analyses.

Looking ahead, Geoffrey will be attending a 4-year university, where he plans to pursue a major in psychology or pre-med. With a wealth of experience and a strong dedication to his studies and community, Geoffrey is self-assured and eager to continue making a positive impact.



▲ rom left are Reagan Bowden, Luis Henrique-Galicia, Skyla Doyle, Cole Kelley, Allison Dinelli, Geoffrey Cavanaugh, and Anna Doughty. (Courtesy photo)

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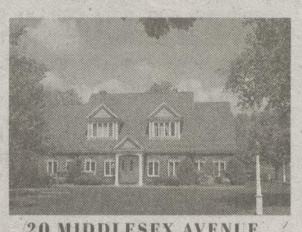
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW, LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT, SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 3, 2024 at 7:10 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Arthur J. Triglione for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2, Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to construct an addition to the existing retail building with associated site improvements including utilities, stormwater improvements, landscaping, and lighting as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 792 Main Street, Assessor's Map 48, Lot 20, zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 5, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a NOI application filed by BSC Group, Inc. on behalf of New England Power Company for maintenance and improvement activities associated with the 339/349 ROW Line Asset Condition Refurbishment Project Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), 100-ft Buffer Zone to BVW, 200-ft Riverfront Area, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and locally regulated 25-ft No Disturb and 50-ft No Build Zones.

Properties subject to this NOI application are located along the electric utility Right of Way which extends from the Tewksbury Substation (Assessor's May 49 Lot 34) toward Pinnacle Street (Assessor's Map 91 Lot 15) and back toward Bradford Road (Assessor's Map 111 Lot 34).

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. MI24P2598PM

In the matter of:
Leland Blake Rosa
Of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tewksbury Hospital of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Leland Blake Rosa** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Margaret Rosa of New Bedford, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/07/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 10, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P2735EA

Estate of: Emily M Dukus
Date of Death: 04/01/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Nancy E Park** of **Pittsfield NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Nancy E Park** of **Pittsfield NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/14/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 17, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240547 5/23/24

Students complete intense research projects at WPI

WORCESTER — Ryan Forcina, a member of the class of 2025 majoring in Biomedical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Evaluating Positive Peace through WPI's IQP Program.

Rose Strobel, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science from **Tewksbury, Massachusetts** was part of a project titled Digital Heritage Preservation of the Shilin District

Michael Duggan, class of 2025, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering **from Tewksbury, Massachusetts** was part of a project titled A Clothing Donation Program to Support a Non-Profit

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative& Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat — all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems.

Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world.

WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 4, 2024 at 8:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Parking Relief Special Permit #24-01, submitted on May 10, 2024. The application is for relief from the parking setback requirement of 10 feet between parking spaces and the side lot line. Said property is located at 38 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

240518 5/16,23/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-F and 81-G, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:20 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the 81G Application #24-01 submitted by S & K Associates, LLC, 26 Highland Circle, Needham MA 02494, seeking to provide roadway improvements within Commonwealth Avenue for construction of a single family home at 11 Commonwealth Avenue, Map 40 Parcel 168A as shown on the plan entitled: "Commonwealth Avenue in Wilmington, Massachusetts" dated: November 10, 2021, last revised May 11, 2022, prepared by Professional Engineer: Douglas E. Lees, Land Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., 130 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

240519 5/16,23/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on hold a public hearing on **June 3, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Paul J. O'Keefe on behalf of Jessica and Arly Moronta for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the existing single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 11 Parker Avenue, Assessor's Map 93, Lot 104, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL PERMIT (SP2019-15)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 3, 2024 at 7:15 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 2131 Main Street LLC for a for a Modification to Special Permit (SP 2019-15) to request to site changes including the addition of decks, walkways, and landscape changes from the previously approved site plan as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 2131 Main Street, Assessor's Map 96, Lot 53, zoned South Village Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0436CA

In the matter of:
Adrianna Faith Pondelli

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Adrianna Faith Pondelli** of **Tewksbury MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Adrianna Faith Watton

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/28/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 03, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 5, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for an RDA application filed by Allison Masley for THBC Tewksbury, LLC for furnish and install four helical piles with a custom rebar head welded to a 20' x 8' structure within the 100-yr flood plain.

The property subject to this application is located at **1880 MAIN ST TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 86 LOT 41.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on hold a public hearing on **June 3, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lynn Taylor for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to convert existing space in single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 91 Pike Street, Assessor's Map 21, Lot 13, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 5, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for an RDA application filed by Daniel Madsen for removal of trees within 100' of an intermittent stream.

The property subject to this application is located at **76 KENDALL RD TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 63-47.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

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Woburn looking at ways to comply with MBTA Communities zoning law

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which we will develop the best plan moving forward to submit to the state."

"The whole idea is to try to consolidate all of those 2,631 units of multi-family housing in the area by Anderson RTC. This area represents 55 acres," said Cashell, pointing to a map that shows the overlay district falling mostly upon the commuter rail station, its adjoining parking areas, and a handful of other industrial and commercial lots that directly abut the railroad tracks.

Earlier this spring, Concannon confirmed that he intends to follow through with a policy pivot initiated by former Mayor Scott Galvin that will see Woburn taking steps to come into compliance with the MBTA Communities regulations.

Initially, when city leaders first began discussing the controversial housing mandates back in 2022, Galvin and the City Council — which Concannon was a member of at the time — had planned on ignoring the zoning mandates.

At last week's hearing, the mayor argued that Woburn is no longer in a position to defy the state's directives. In particular, he pointed out that Mass. Governor Maura Healey and others state leaders have threatened to block cities' and towns' receipt of a myriad of state funding sources, should they refuse to adhere to the MBTA Communities Dec. 31, 2024 implementation deadline.

According to Cashell, his current thinking in regards to the zoning change is that Woburn take steps to meet EOHLC's technical requirements, which don't require city officials to make a determination as to whether future building activity makes economic sense for developers.

As such, the overlay district can be extended around pieces of land where the construction redevelopments have already recently taken place or where the construction of new housing may be viewed as impractical.

"Maybe something will be built. But there's no restriction on a community having an overlay district in an area that already has a [housing development] on it," he stated. "So for example, that multi-family development on Atlantic Avenue by the corner of Commerce Way, nobody is going to redevelop that particular site [again so soon after housing was just put up]."

EOHLC, formerly known as the Executive Office for Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) was empowered by the state legislature to create the MBTA Communities regulations under a 2021 economic development bill passed during the height of the COVID-19 crisis. The goal of the economic development package, proponents of the legislation said at the time, was to encourage the creation of 135,000 new housing units across Massachusetts by 2025.

Local students graduate from Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University held its 128th commencement exercises this month, awarding graduate and undergraduate degrees and honoring distinguished alumni and community leaders.

Graduates were, from **Wilmington**, **Olivia Gianna Almeida**, BSE, Special Education; **Jake P Arsenault**, BS, Business Administration; **Stanley Duperval**, MED, Educational Leadership/Mgmt; **Katie Jane Lanzi**, CAGS, Educational Leadership/Mgmt.

The commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 18 was given by alumna Yla Eason, an assistant professor of business at Rutgers University and the creator of the country's first Black superhero toy.

Eason was also presented the President's Medal in recognition of her lifetime of achievement.

Also honored at the undergraduate ceremony was Reinaldo Lopez, founder of Resource Management Inc., one of the country's largest Hispanic-owned businesses. Born in Puerto Rico, he migrated to the mainland United States with his mother in 1962 and soon joined her working in the tobacco fields to help support the family. His mother's tireless work ethic and commitment to family proved a solid foundation upon which Lopez would build for the rest of his career.

The valedictorian of the undergraduate class was Jyy Rose Liang of Lunenburg, who completed a degree in educational studies with a minor in art.

Ali Raza, a native of Pakistan, spoke at the graduate commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 16, where he was presented the Graduate Student Leadership Award. He recounted his journey to the U.S. where studied computer science.

University President Richard S. Lapidus, retiring in June, presided over the final commencement ceremonies of his tenure at Fitchburg State this month.

"Remember in the end, it's not just about you, but your actions can have profound effects on others around you," Lapidus said. "A good perspective might be to consider not only how you might benefit from your actions, but how others will as well."

Buildings to connect via walkways

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TEC and review by the Conservation Commission.

Site Civil Engineer Nicole Langley described that they would expand open space, reduce driveway aisles, and connect all three buildings via pedestrian walkways. They would continue to improve the stormwater management system per the Conservation Commission's requests and put together a landscape plan. The TEC traffic consultant confirmed this would marginally increase traffic activity and didn't require a detailed capacity assessment.

However, Boland stated that the board would prefer to be consistent and require the standard analysis in order to see how this project would benefit the town.

The project representative asked if the board would consider a piece stone walkway. Peter Moser suggested that they be careful with piece stone. This project was also continued to next month.

The board next reviewed a site plan proposal for 36 Nassau Ave., where SmartLink and AT&T wanted to replace existing equipment on the water tank and move antennas and radios. The board approved and accepted the draft decisions prepared in advance.

SmartLink and AT&T also sent a site plan review for 6 Waltham St. to add equipment for AT&T while keeping the existing compound the same. Gingrich explained that they would require a structural peer review for this proposal.

David Walsh of Smart Link stated that the unit was small and would only be about 62 decibels during emergency situations and biweekly 15-minute tests. This was also continued to next month.

Regarding the 7 Cross St. building permit application, Attorney Rob Peterson explained that this was needed before they could have the issuance of occupancy signed. The board voted to authorize Gingrich to sign the application, though they were waiting on fire department signoff.

Gingrich then shared about the proposed extension of patios at Spruce Farm, down the side of the driveway for the specific units mentioned. She said it was more of a walkway than a patio.

Proposed applications for Eagleview Drive off Marion Street and 99 Fordham Road were withdrawn at the request of the respective applicants.

The board lastly nominated and voted in favor of Boland to remain as the chair and Sean Hennigan to continue to serve as clerk.

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▲ Austin Prep students receiving the Military Assistance Program Award from iPods for Wounded Veterans during the school day on April 26. (Courtesy photos)

▲ Dustin Batista, Austin Prep Theology Department Chair/Coordinator of Service, awarded the Military Administrator Award by iPods for Wounded Veterans.

▲ Elena Oulton, a senior at Austin Prep from Woburn, awarded Student of the Year by iPods for Wounded Veterans.

iPods for Wounded Veterans honors Austin Prep with service award

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In April, Wilmington 501c3 nonprofit organization iPods for Wounded Veterans presented Austin Prep with their Military Service Award. This is an award that IFWV gives annually to a school on behalf of the students who volunteered with them.

IFWV Chairman Paul Cardello explained that Austin Prep is the first school awarded this recognition two years in a row, both in 2023 and 2024. The school was given the award on Friday, April 26. As they presented the award, students at Austin Prep got permission to leave class and took a group picture with IFWV representatives.

The award is typically given to students from a business, school, or organization that volunteers for military servicemen and women. In terms of what qualifying donations for this award may look like, it could be a business donating electronics, volunteers coming to IFWV events and passing out meals and swag, writing Dear Solider letters, or packing electronics bags.

Students at Austin Prep may participate in IFWV either through one of two clubs — their Service Club and Military Appreciation Club — or directly. Austin Prep Theology Department Chair/Coordinator of Service Dustin Batista explained that the Service Club has mostly participated in IFWV letter writing campaigns, and the Military Service Club may volunteer at IWFV events or assist in packing the electronics bags given to the veterans.

He said that about 10 students regularly attend IFWV events, and many students participate in electronics bags packing at least once a month.

Batista said, "Austin Prep as a school community has a deep commitment to service."

He named caritas, meaning charity of love, as one of the school's values. He said that many of the students at Austin Prep volunteer with IFWV because they have family members who have served or out of a desire to give back to a group who have made a costly sacrifice for them.

IFWV also recognized Batista with their Military Administrator Award this year. Cardello mentioned that Batista had been volunteering and coordinating to help students volunteer with IFWV for 10 years and across multiple schools.

This year's iPods for Wounded Veterans Student of the Year Award was given to Elena Oulton, a senior at Austin Prep and resident of Woburn, who Cardello said has done media relations as a volunteer for the nonprofit organization. This award was accompanied by a certificate from the House of Representatives.

Cardello also shared that the school is receiving a bronze eagle on a mounted plate from IFWV, although this has yet to be delivered due to scheduling.

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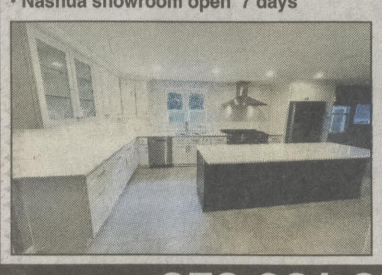

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Family Communications/Engage Subcommittee could use refocusing

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this group from SEPAC meetings.

He also mentioned that the executive session minutes role is held by the chair.

Mercaldi said that as legislative representative, he met with Senator Barry Finegold and discussed topics such as circuit breaker funding.

Bryson described that the handbook/protocol role comes up at the end of the year to prepare for the next.

Jesse Fennelly said that the Town Hall/School Admin Building Committee to which he is a representative for the committee meets about once a month. Ragsdale also said the Wildwood School Building Committee to which there is a representative from the committee also meets monthly.

Bryson proposed that the Family Communications/Engage Subcommittee could use refocusing for the next year as they strengthen the relationship between the school district, families, and the communities.

Regarding the Equity Subcommittee, Jay Samaha said that they ensure equitable outcomes for staff in terms of policy and budget.

Turner said that the Finance and Budget Subcommittee is meant to work with the town and the Finance Committee to create enhanced connections and communications.

Ragsdale also mentioned that the committee would soon need to create some bargaining subcommittees for upcoming negotiations, but they would wait until close to the negotiations beginning. He lastly added that the subcommittee meetings are all public meetings, and no more than three committee members may be on the subcommittee.

Nominations and voting would take place at the committee's next meeting so that members had time to consider where they want to participate.

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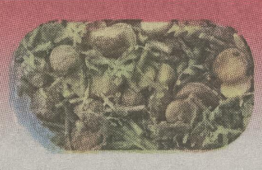

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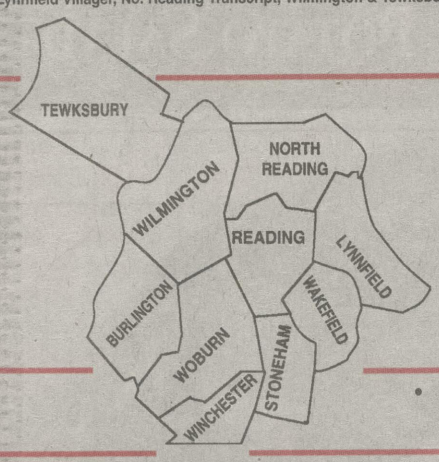

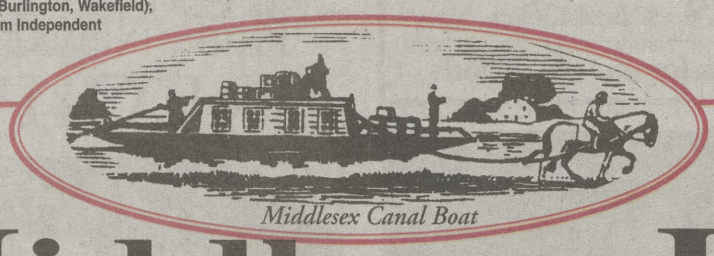

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TOWN MEETING MEMBERS IN STONEHAM quickly passed legislation that will let the town's Select Board issue one-day alcohol licenses for events on public properties like the Town Common. (Courtesy RCTV)

STONEHAM'S TOWN MODERATOR JEANNE CRAIGIE introduces an article that would reverse Stoneham's total prohibition on consuming alcohol on public property. The ban prevented the town organizations from setting up beer gardens at popular public events. (Courtesy RCTV)

Stoneham relaxes decades-old ban on serving alcohol on public properties

By PATRICK BLAIS

For a community where town officials decades ago melted down over the idea that a local restauranteur would even think about mixing Keno lottery games with alcohol, times sure are changing in Stoneham.

And under the town's latest push to keep up with the times, of-age citizens will get a chance this summer to crack open a beer while listening to live music on the Town Common.

At the outset of this month, voters gathered in Stoneham Town Hall for the community's Annual Town Meeting agreed to grant its five-member Select Board - which acts as the municipality's liquor licensing authority - the power to issue one-day liquor licenses for special events on public property.

Back in March, Town Counsel William Galvin drafted the proposed bylaw after hearing that several Select Board members wanted to entertain the possibility of partially reversing a blanket townwide ban on imbibing alcohol in public that dates back to the 1980s.

In Galvin's view, while the general concept behind the drinking ban serves the public good, many surrounding cities towns have taken a more relaxed approach to allowing limited beer and wine service at special events in public parks and within function rooms in municipal buildings.

The town attorney would go on to assure the Select Board that they could require petitioners to set up fencing, procure police details, and limit the number of drinks served to each customer in order to ensure adults are enjoying their refreshments responsibly. Applicants will also have to obtain insurance and make sure that all servers are properly certified.

"There were a lot of rules that years ago were absolutely sacrosanct that nobody would ever think about looking at differently. But times have changed," said Galvin during a Select Board meeting in late March. "Alcohol is now sold on Sundays in Massachusetts and we're even allowing the sale of new products [like marijuana] that were once illegal."

"I think what we've found [given the state's experiment with cannabis] is that if [alcohol at special events is] properly sold and regulated, this also may make sense," added the town lawyer.

Various Select Board members, many of whom have debated the topic for years now as various non-profit organizations and vendors have sought permission to set up beer tents on public spaces, pointed out that the neighboring communities of Wakefield, Woburn, and

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'IF,' may have us all checking under beds for our old friends

WHAT 'IF'? - From left, Ryan Reynolds, Cailey Fleming, the character Blue, voiced by Steve Carell, and the Blossom, voiced by Phoebe Waller-Bridge, appear in a scene from John Krasinski's film "IF". (Paramount Pictures via AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

How do you make a kid's movie that appeals not only to the kids, but the adults sitting next to them? Most movies try to achieve this by throwing in a layer of wink-wink pop culture references that'll earn a few knowing laughs from parents but fly nicely over the heads of the young ones.

So let's credit John Krasinski for not taking the easy way out. Writing and directing (and acting in, and producing) his new kid's movie, "IF," Krasinski is doing his darndest to craft a story that works organically no matter the age, with universal themes — imagination, fear, memory — that just hit different depending on who you are.

Or maybe sometimes, they hit the same — because Krasinski, who wanted to make a movie his kids could watch (unlike his "Quiet Place" thrillers), is also telling us that sometimes, we adults are more connected to our childhood minds than we think. A brief late scene that actually doesn't include children at all is one of the most moving moments of the film - but I guess I would say that, being an adult and all.

There's only one conundrum: "IF," a story about imaginary friends (get it?) that blends live action with digital creatures and some wonderful visual effects (and cinematography by Janusz Kaminski), has almost too many riches at its disposal. And we're not even talking about the Who's Who of Hollywood figures voicing whimsical creatures: Steve Carell, Matt Damon, Bradley Cooper, Jon Stewart, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Maya Rudolph, Emily Blunt, Sam Rockwell, and the late Louis Gosset Jr. are just a few who join live stars Ryan Reynolds and Cailey Fleming. Imagining a table read makes the head spin.

The issue is simply that with all the artistic resources and refreshing ideas here, there's a fuzziness to the storytelling itself. Just who is actually doing what and why they're doing it — what are the actual mechanics of this half-human, half-digital world? — occasionally gets lost in the razzle-dazzle.

But, still, everything looks so darned lovely, starting with the pretty, brownstone-lined streets of Brooklyn Heights in New York City, where our story is chiefly set. We begin in flashback, with happy scenes of main character Bea as a little girl, playing with her funloving parents (Krasinski and Catharine Daddario). But soon we're sensing Mom may be sick — she's wearing telltale headscarves and hats — and it becomes clear what's happening.

Bea is 12 when she arrives with a suitcase at her grandmother's Brooklyn apartment, filled with her old paint sets and toys. Grandma (Fiona Shaw, in a deeply warm performance) offers the art supplies, but Bea tells her: "I don't really do that anymore."

She says something similar to her father, visiting him in the hospital (it takes a few minutes to figure out that they've come to New York, from wherever they live, so Dad can have some sort of heart surgery.) He tells Bea he's not sick, just broken, and needs to be fixed. Hoping to keep her sense of fun alive, he jokes around, but she says sternly: "Life doesn't always have to be fun."

And then the creatures start appearing, visible only to Bea.

We first meet a huge roly-poly bundle of purple fur called "Blue" (Carell.) Yes, we said he was purple. The kid who named him was color-blind. These, we soon understand, are IFs — imaginary friends — who've been cut loose, no longer needed. There's also a graceful butterfly called Blossom who resembles Betty Boop (Waller-Bridge). A winsome unicorn (Blunt). A smooth-voiced elderly teddy bear (Gossett Jr., in a sweet turn.) We'll meet many more.

Supervising all of them is Cal (Ryan Reynolds.) An ornery type, at least to begin with, he's feeling rather overworked, trying to find new kids for these IFs. But now that Bea has found Cal living atop her grandmother's apartment building, she's the chosen helper.

The pair — Reynolds and the sweetly serious Fleming have a winning chemistry — head to Coney Island on the subway, where Cal shows Bea the IF "retirement home." This is, hands down, the most delightful part of the movie. Filmed at an actual former retirement residence, the scene has the look down pat: generic wall-to-wall carpeting, activity rooms for CG-creature group therapy sessions, the nail salon. And then the nonagenarian teddy bear gives Bea a key bit of advice: all she need do is use her imagination to transform the place. And she does, introducing everything from a spiffy new floor to a swimming pool with Esther Williams-style dancers to a rock concert with Tina Turner.

The movie moves on to Bea's matchmaking efforts. A tough nut to crack is Benjamin (Alan Kim), an adorable boy in the hospital who favors screens and seems to have trouble charging his own imagination (spoiler alert: that'll get fixed).

There are segments here that feel like they go on far too long, particularly when Bea, Cal and Blue track down Blue's now-adult "kid" (Bobby Moynihan of "Saturday Night Live"), now nervously preparing for a professional presentation.

Still, the idea that adults could still make use of their old "IFs" at difficult times — and, to broaden the thought, summon their dormant sense of whimsy, as a closing scene captures nicely — is a worthwhile one. And by movie's end, one can imagine more than one adult in the multiplex running home, checking under the bed, hoping to find a trusted old friend.

"IF," a Paramount release, has been rated PG by the Motion Picture Association "for thematic elements and mild language."

Running time: 104 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

Spring Roasted Potato Salad

A SIDE OF FRESHNESS - Every barbecue needs a fresh and tangy side, and this roasted potato salad fits the bill. It's a dressed-up alternative to classic potato salad—with asparagus, arugula and a lemon vinaigrette.

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Spray 18x13-inch rimmed baking pan with cooking spray.

2. In small bowl, mix dressing ingredients with whisk.

3. Place potatoes in center of baking pan, and drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Toss to coat. Spread in single layer in pan. Roast 30 minutes, turning once.

4. In medium bowl, toss asparagus with remaining 1 tablespoon oil.

5. Remove potatoes from oven, and arrange asparagus on baking pan with potatoes. Roast 5 to 7 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned and asparagus is tender.

6. Transfer roasted vegetables to serving bowl. Add dressing; toss to coat. Let stand 15 minutes to allow vegetables to absorb dressing. Add arugula; toss to combine. Serve immediately.

EXPERT TIPS

Baby potatoes are typically 1 1/2 inches in diameter. If your potatoes are larger than that, you may want to quarter them.

Baby arugula is a fairly sturdy lettuce, with a peppery flavor, that won't wilt completely when combined with the slightly warm potatoes.

Ingredients

DRESSING
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

SALAD
- 2 lb baby Yukon gold or red potatoes (each about 1 1/2 inches in diameter), cut in half
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 lb fresh asparagus spears, cut into 2-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
- 3 cups baby arugula

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Reading are all regularly granting special event permits where alcohol service is allowed.

"There's some events coming up where if it's done right - and everybody wears a bracelet and is stamped - I don't think it would be abused," Select Board member George Seibold contended during a Town Hall discussion earlier this spring.

"I'm thrilled to see this [proposed bylaw change]," Select Board member Raymie Parker would later comment. "You go to other communities and they have events at their civic centers or in Town Hall. We approve [one-day] liquor licenses for [fundraisers] at local churches and the zoo. And I think bringing this to Town Meeting is a great idea."

Technically, Stoneham's Select Board has already experimented for years with allowing alcohol to be served on public properties. In fact, just last summer, the town officials allowed the local Chamber of Commerce to shut down a roadway abutting the Town Common in order to create a beer garden for one of the community's summer concert series.

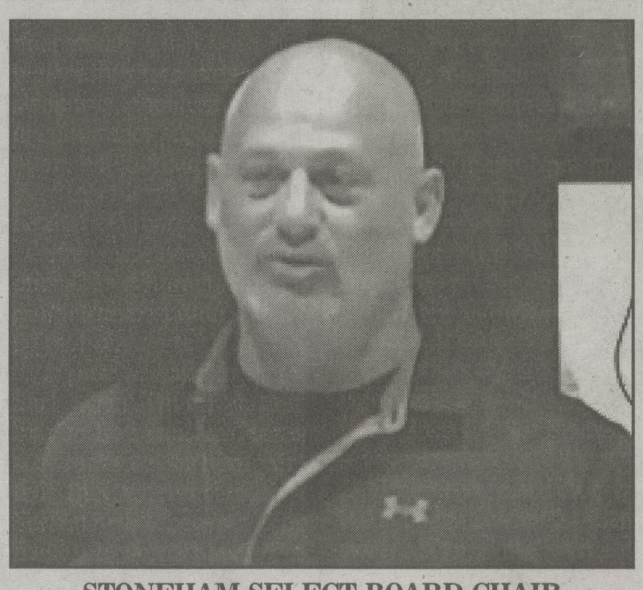
This April, Stoneham Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Meghan Day, describing last summer's experiment as a resounding success, was back before the Select Board seeking one-day liquor licenses for three of the upcoming Summer Concert Series events, which are sponsored by non-profit business group.

"We did one last summer and it was successful and safe. People enjoyed themselves and no one got out of hand. What was nice is it brought in a new crowd to the series," said Day during a Select Board meeting in early April.

Though at the time Town Meeting was still weeks away from voting on the bylaw change, the Select Board granted those requested one-day licenses for the without major debate. Along similar lines, when the measure finally wound its way before the town's citizenry at Stoneham's Annual Town Meeting on May 9, the warrant article passed without a single resident stepping forward to challenge or debate the matter.

Stoneham's Select Board first relaxed its position about alcohol consumption on the Town Common back in fall of 2016, when the community played host to the 2nd Annual North Shore Food Truck Festival.

However, months later, an outside group ran into a wall



STONEHAM SELECT BOARD CHAIR DAVID PIGNONE

of opposition after asking the Select Board for permission to serve beer at an old-fashioned baseball competition at Recreation Park. At the time, former Select Board Thomas Boussy, the person credited with convincing the food truck festival to come to Stoneham, agreed there might be grounds for making a distinction between that prior event and a vintage baseball competition that was being billed as a family-friendly gathering.

"We've had events on the common with alcohol. It might be a little different with it on a park, but I don't feel strongly one way or the other," Boussy stated.

"We have a letter from the chief, and he doesn't feel comfortable. I'm going to go with his decision. I'm the first one to have a beer at the game, believe me. But there's a time and a place for it," Seibold would later say.

In the wake of that controversy, former Town Administrator Thomas Younger, citing the same 1980s prohibition revoked at Town Meeting earlier this month, would advise the Select Board that they had technically violated local bylaws by issuing one-day licenses for alcohol service on the Town Common.

The town officials then agreed to revisit those rules along with a host of other municipal regulations regarding the use of the Stoneham Square area park. However, those efforts eventually died on the proverbial legislative vine.

In the fall of 2019, the issue of alcohol service being allowed on or by public spaces came up again after Day approached the Select Board looking for permission to let a Stoneham Square restaurant set up a beer garden on private property during the community's annual Town Day festivities.

At the time, various town officials balked at the idea, citing the same rationale that was given three years earlier when the vintage baseball group's request for a one-day license was withdrawn.

"I'm wondering whether this will change the fabric of Town Day. I'm not saying that in a mean way. I'm just having a hard time with this, because it's Town Day," said Parker, who worried about mixing alcohol with a public gathering that had such a family-friendly billing.

Seibold, who when debating the baseball game license had contended there was a "time and place" for allowing alcohol sales, found himself on the opposite side of the issue.

"Things do change. Especially on Town Day, I can't see this getting abused and people getting sideways and then walking around. I really don't see this becoming a big ordeal," Seibold stated.

Ultimately, the Select Board ended up sanctioning the one-day license.

With the COVID-19 pandemic effectively ending public gatherings over the next few years, a different Select Board in 2022 would deny the Chamber of Commerce's first attempt at setting up a beer tent for its summer concert series.

Ultimately, the Chamber of Commerce withdrew that 2022 petition after running into that unexpected opposition, which included critiques from then new Select Board member Heidi Bilbo. However, in yet another sign that town officials' were slowly growing comfortable with the idea of relaxing Stoneham's alcohol restrictions, Parker began urging her colleagues to consider revisiting the bylaws that prohibited citizens from drinking alcohol on public property on special occasions.

"When this came up a few years ago, we talked about it but never did a deep dive. In the 1980's, we didn't want alcohol in public spaces [and we should probably investigate why] and determine what changes are needed to our bylaws if we want to amend that policy," Parker argued.

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

14 Ardmore Ave was sold to Boland, Michelle J and Wells, Marianna by Minhas, Amandeep and Minhas, Shefali for $675,000 on 05/03/24

10 Fernglade Rd was sold to Winston Kenneth LLC by Venditti Alma B Est and Rowinsky, Gerald for $590,000 on 04/30/24

20 Greenwood Rd was sold to Caram, Samantha by Parker, Stephen S and Parker, Maureen O for $875,000 on 04/30/24

8 Knollwood Ct #8 was sold to Devasto, Stephanie and Devasto, Robert P by Gavin Lt and Whalen, Scott for $700,000 on 05/01/24

2 Savin St was sold to Marsden, Douglas and Marsden, Deborah by Huff, Nicole S for $983,500 on 04/30/24

12 Washington Ave was sold to Christopoulos, Elias J by Washington Ave Prop LLC for $881,000 on 04/30/24

LYNNFIELD

19 Dunstan Rd was sold to Pegoraro, Christen E and Pegoraro, Matthew L by 19 Dunstan Rd and Bryant, Susanne for $750,000 on 05/03/24

8 Townsend Rd was sold to Hartsog, Deanna and Hartsog, Matthew by Bain, C W and Bain, Carole E for $1,300,000 on 04/30/24

NORTH READING

203 Central St was sold to 203 Central Street LLC by Cooperative For Human Sv for $730,000 on 05/01/24

1 Duane Dr was sold to Firicano, Daryn C by Palma Prop LLC for $1,195,000 on 04/29/24

15 Macintyre Dr was sold to Simm, David and Simm, Amanda by Sullivan, Michael F and Sullivan, Jennifer A for $1,825,000 on 04/30/24

270 Main St #9 was sold to Edry, Nikki and Edry, Paul by Riley Jr, Joseph G for $262,000 on 04/30/24

280 Martins Lndg #312 was sold to Coviello, Sergio by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $587,445 on 05/03/24

280 Martins Lndg #304 was sold to Crovo, Caron A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $471,395 on 05/02/24

280 Martins Lndg #509 was sold to Isaac, Antonio K by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $671,210 on 05/03/24

280 Martins Lndg #313 was sold to Landis, Jennifer and Landis, Mark by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $722,840 on 05/01/24

280 Martins Lndg #8510 was sold to Legere, Nancy A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $678,150 on 04/29/24

280 Martins Lndg #501 was sold to Lynnfield Melch Rt and Mottolo, Carolyn B by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $803,710 on 05/01/24

15 Park St was sold to Th Builders LLC by Confalone Ft and Raymond, Jane A for $500,000 on 05/02/24

10 Sullivan Rd was sold to Nikonchuk, Erik and Nikonchuk, Meaghan by Agassounon, William B for $785,000 on 04/29/24

READING

10 Abigail Way #2008 was sold to Schermerhorn & Cummings F and Lattanzi, Peter by Maureen P Lordan Irt and Lordan, Matthew P for $595,000 on 04/30/24

62 Abigail Way #4007 was sold to Downey, Kevin by Geehan, Sheila M for $470,000 on 04/29/24

7 Augustus Ct #3004 was sold to Odonnell, Mary J by Spellman Ft and Spellman, Janet M for $495,000 on 04/30/24

19 Criterion Rd was sold to Sullivan, Megan by Taladua, Jennifer T for $705,000 on 04/30/24

19 Dustin Rd was sold to Sunderwirth, Keenan and Herlitz, Stefan by Odonnell, Philip C and Odonnell, Kathleen A for $855,000 on 04/30/24

334 Franklin St was sold to Ortiz, Cristina N and Gomez, Miguel A by Demarco, Linda L for $1,445,000 on 05/01/24

30 Johnson Woods Dr #30 was sold to Ramaswami, Aparna and Ramaswami, Karthik by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for $1,315,000 on 04/30/24

75 Johnson Woods Dr #75 was sold to Morgan, Samuel E and Morgan, Carey A by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for $1,425,000 on 05/02/24

15 Longwood Rd was sold to Shumake, Christopher V and Shumake, Kathryn L by Rkaco LLC for $1,450,000 on 05/03/24

45 Putnam Rd was sold to Login, Peter S and Sarkar, Suhashini by Spear, Barry E and Spear, Tara L for $1,125,000 on 04/30/24

20 Sandra Ln was sold to Mayers, Pamela and Mayers, Patrick by Ciaccio, Michael L and Ciaccio, Joanne M for $1,520,000 on 04/30/24

17 Sturges Rd was sold to Cigliano, Theresa and Laferriere, Nicholas by 17 Sturges Road Rt and Schubarth Jr, C H W for $760,000 on 05/01/24

STONEHAM

5 Avon St was sold to Best, Amy and Best, Nicholas by Nicholson, Joseph G for $497,000 on 05/01/24

19 Garden Rd was sold to Bulic, Dino and Bulic, Almir by Ganzak, Michael and Ganzak, Brittany for $1,050,000 on 04/29/24

244 North St was sold to Rajchal, Muna and Shilpakar, Tilak by Hubert Jr, Paul D for $790,000 on 05/03/24

15 Spring St was sold to T&z Realty LLC by Norden Helen L Est and Norden, Miguel E for $520,000 on 04/29/24

TEWKSBURY

18 8th St was sold to Wolfpack Properties LLC by Surette, Dawn M and Carrington Mtg Svcs LLC for $476,000 on 05/03/24

200 Cart Path Rd was sold to Conlon, Lauren and Conlon, Stephen G by Paolini, Robert A and Paolini, Roseann for $745,000 on 05/03/24

10 Carter St was sold to 10 Carter Street LLC by Two S Rt and Abu-Zahra, Mohammed S for $2,976,300 on 05/01/24

78 Coolidge St was sold to Sham, Aakash by Watkins, Kenneth P and Watkins, Sarah A for $795,000 on 05/03/24

154 Heritage Dr #154 was sold to Cuoco Ft Ii and Falzano, Kimarie by Linda L Otoole 2024 RET and Hyder-Pratt, Susan E for $495,000 on 05/01/24

1 Lumber Ln was sold to 10 Carter Street LLC by Two S Rt and Abu-Zahra, Mohammed S for $2,976,300 on 05/01/24

280 Rogers St was sold to Sy-Nguyen, Lynn and Nguyen, Toan by Foley Ft and Foley, Eileen L for $655,000 on 05/01/24

58 Sandalwood Cir was sold to Dulgarian, Jeffrey by Murphy, Steven P and Murphy, Erica M for $1,035,000 on 04/30/24

14 Shandel Dr was sold to Meehan, Brian and Meehan, Emily by Daly, Sean T and Crane, Jeannie for $685,000 on 05/03/24

865 Shawsheen St was sold to Mccarthy, Neil D and Mccarthy, Kimberly A by Avila, Brooke K and Coucci, Alexander W for $580,000 on 04/30/24

667 South St was sold to Molander, Richard L by Burns, Mary C for $675,000 on 05/03/24

131 Vernon St was sold to Pineiros, Luis and Pineiros, Kerrin by Baker, Stephen E and Baker, Sara E for $490,000 on 04/30/24

31 Virginia Rd was sold to Mukasa, Milly by Ventura, Nancy and Baires, Jose P for $690,000 on 04/30/24

WAKEFIELD

14 Carriage Ln was sold to Imbasciano, Joseph and Imbasciano, Victoria by Amr Rt and Rodrigues, Arthur D for $1,617,000 on 04/30/24

11 Central St was sold to Moniz, Cameron M and Shaffer, Dylan M by Rosemarie G Bellandi RET and Barton, Teresa M for $855,000 on 04/30/24

28 Court St was sold to Huang, Xiao M and Huang, Amanda M by Rudzinsky Int and Rudzinsky, Marie E for $910,000 on 05/02/24

19 Green St was sold to Thakuri, Biswash and Rana, Nutan by Donna M Cognon RET and Cognon, Donna M for $718,000 on 05/02/24

16 Gregory Rd was sold to Smith, Karin E by W R & Mary E Callahan T and Callahan, Mary E for $850,000 on 05/02/24

Old Nahant Rd was sold to Giannelli Mgmt & Dev Corp by Allen Wakefield Rt and Burkhart, Carol for $398,000 on 05/03/24

1 Overlook Rd was sold to Finn Jr, Timothy and Finn, Thomas by Masse, David for $1,250,000 on 04/30/24

WILMINGTON

38 Boutwell St was sold to Shushan, Zohar E by K Sheehan Sole Benefit T and Sheehan, Paul F for $640,000 on 05/02/24

65 Chestnut St was sold to Thomas, Imogen M and Butler, Christopher D by Craig Ft and Craig, Luke A for $660,000 on 05/03/24

59 Church St was sold to Rollins, James C and Rollins, Elizabeth by Mchugh Rt and Mchugh Jr, Richard J for $581,000 on 05/01/24

121 Grove Ave was sold to Dennis, Michael J and Dennis, Alysha M by Long, Stephen and Long, Nancy for $843,000 on 05/03/24

4 Oxbow Dr was sold to Leblanc, Rachel and Phelps, Aaron by Janice M Lyons Lt and Lyons, Janice M for $820,000 on 04/30/24

WINCHESTER

111 Arlington St was sold to 111 Arlington Street LLC by Arlington Street 111 Rt and Keane, John F for $1,250,000 on 05/02/24

46 Clark St was sold to Dautel, Dylan and Dautel, Renee by Galante Brayden Shea Est and Galante Jr, Dennis J for $790,000 on 05/03/24

36-38 Cross St was sold to Ssorc Prop LLC by Humphrey Jr Richard E Es and Priante, Mary F for $1,100,000 on 04/30/24

64 Highland Ave #5 was sold to Garfall, Zevahn and Cerundolo, Debra by Aratyn, Lidia and Aratyn, Henrik for $485,000 on 05/02/24

10 Norfolk Rd was sold to Tozzi, Lucio and Bell-Tozzi, Deborah by 10 Norfolk LLC for $2,300,000 on 04/29/24

114 Pond St was sold to Zhang, Mengying and Chen, Hongjie by 114 Pond Street Rt and Mahious, Karin S for $1,299,000 on 05/03/24

17 Russell Rd was sold to Jiang, Chen by Blair, Jonathan T and Blair, Rebecca L for $1,025,000 on 04/30/24

200 Swanton St #607 was sold to Peggy S Fong RET Ii and Fong, Peggy S by Elfiky, Youssef for $348,000 on 04/30/24

200 Swanton St #322 was sold to Suh, Susanna by Basteri, Denise J for $362,500 on 04/30/24

118 Wendell St was sold to Gulbiten, Onsel by Rvj Rt and Asaro, Frank for $1,700,000 on 05/03/24

WOBURN

4 Capozzi Cir #4 was sold to Baker, Rita by Maureen A Colby RET and Colby, Maureen A for $701,000 on 04/18/24

1046 Main St was sold to Sundaramurthy, Akshaya and Saravanan, Subhash by Patel, Kaushik R and Patel, Nisha for $780,000 on 04/16/24

31 Park St was sold to Arteaga, Daniel by Rock & Sons Prop Mgmt LL for $705,000 on 04/16/24

2 Patriot Cir was sold to Carvajal, Carlos A and Barragan, Rocio P by In, Steven and In, Yi S for $785,000 on 04/16/24

295 Salem St #98 was sold to Mcquaid, Joanna K and Mcquaid, Kevin T by Orr Shepherd 2008 RET and Shepherd, Orr D for $650,000 on 04/16/24

15 Day Cir was sold to Defreitas, Grace K and Dossantos, Ernane M by 15 Day Cir Rt and Albanese, Josephine G for $650,000 on 04/22/24

7 Harrison Ave was sold to Costigan Realty LLC by Harrison Ave Rt and Paone Jr, Anthony K for $1,055,000 on 04/24/24

10 Hart St was sold to Marbioli, Giorgio G and Reis, Renata G by Jacobsen, John E for $775,000 on 04/26/24

84 Locust St was sold to Baselli, Rosinete D by Claire H Lowthers T and Lambert, Barbara J for $615,000 on 04/23/24

3 Perry Pl was sold to Scichilone, Christopher and Milano, Merissa by Perry, Ruthann for $320,000 on 04/23/24

482 Place Ln #482 was sold to Croach, Hilary and Carroll, Patricia by Triessl Julie Fraser Est and Triessl, Christine E for $545,000 on 04/25/24

33 Robinson Rd was sold to Zhou, Jian and Fan, Zhiming by Purinton Ft and Purinton, Elizabeth A for $724,900 on 04/26/24

295 Salem St #49 was sold to Waite, Marissa L and Waite, Victoria M by Lodie Leo M Est and Marchant, Danielle for $562,000 on 04/25/24

16-A Buttaro Rd was sold to Helm, Daniel E and Helm, Amy by Oclair, Chad for $850,000 on 04/30/24

48 Carter St was sold to Mandracchia, Melissa J and Amor, Gil by 48 Carter St T and Deteso, Robert J for $485,000 on 04/30/24

28 Cranston Cir was sold to Toussaint Sr, Robert P and Toussaint, Karen by Wackrow, Christopher and Wackrow, Daniel E for $525,000 on 05/01/24

47 Derby Dr #47 was sold to Bushmich Ft Of 2022 and Bushmich, Kenneth B by West Woburn Dev Corp for $814,900 on 05/03/24

11 Douglass Grn #11 was sold to Heinold, David and Heinold, Jerilyn by Elaine C Dever Irt and Dever-Connors, Margerie for $800,000 on 05/03/24

30 Forest Park Rd was sold to Deng, Jian by Kiklis Dorothy C Est and Kiklis, Michael L for $650,000 on 04/29/24

72 Hammond Pl #72 was sold to Tang, Yawen and Yan, Zhiyu by Nunziato Rt and Davis, Lori N for $620,000 on 04/30/24

95 Middle St was sold to Leng, Annie and Shaw, Lih M by Bushmich Ft and Bushmich, Kenneth B for $920,000 on 04/30/24

64-66 Mount Pleasant St #2 was sold to Danalevich, Julia R by Janules, Heather K for $570,000 on 05/03/24

16 Perry St was sold to Chong, Yunchuan and Fu, Jiahuan by Gould, Robert and Gould, Sarah for $1,149,000 on 04/30/24

114 Pine St was sold to Schenk, Louis and Higgins, Elena by Lane, Heather A for $630,000 on 04/30/24

93 Russell St was sold to Nepal, Dipen and Bhatta, Salina by Nunes, Rogerio P for $805,000 on 04/30/24

2 Stratton Dr #1202 was sold to Stefa, Mirela and Stefa, Elton by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $276,800 on 05/02/24

Volunteers needed for Wakefield Farmers Market's 15th anniversary season

The Wakefield Farmers Market (WFM) is celebrating its 15th anniversary season in 2024! From June 15th to October 26th, join us every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM at 468 North Avenue, Wakefield, MA, for a season filled with fresh produce, artisanal goods, and vibrant community spirit.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, WFM has been able to offer our community, local farmers, and small-batch producers a safe and pleasant shopping experience. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to be a part of our dedicated volunteer team. Your contribution, whether big or small, will make a significant difference.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Set Up (8:00-9:00 AM): Assist with setting up stalls and tents (must be able to lift up to 25 pounds).

Manager & SNAP Tables (9-11 AM, 11 AM-1 PM, or 10:30-11:30 AM): Help manage the market and support our SNAP program.

SNAP Bucks Counter (12:45-1:15 PM): Help count and organize SNAP bucks.

Break Down (1:00-1:15 PM): Assist with packing up the market (must be able to lift up to 25 pounds).

Why Volunteer?

Engage with the Community: Meet and interact with local vendors and customers. Have fun while making a difference.

Support Local Farmers and Producers: Help local farmers and small batch producers succeed by ensuring a smooth market operation.

Learn and Grow: Gain insights into how farmers markets operate and develop new skills.

Flexible Commitment: Choose from various tasks and time slots that fit your schedule.

WFM is a volunteer-driven, community-focused organization. Volunteers are critical to our success, providing invaluable support that keeps our market thriving. If you're unsure about how you want to help, we welcome you to stop by on a market day to see what it's all about before signing up.

How to Sign Up:

Whether you can volunteer for a single day or throughout the season, your help is greatly appreciated. Find more info at www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.org/volunteer.

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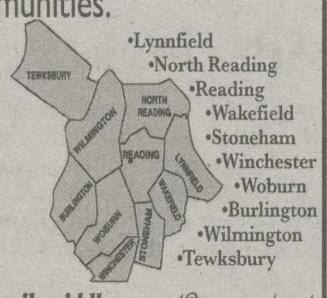

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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for allegedly possessing crack

Monday, May 13

1:11 a.m. - Caller reported hearing two sets of possible gunshots at Merrimack Meadow Lane. Caller believed they could be in the area of Durham Road in Lowell. Lowell Police Department was notified. Police sent and all appeared to be quiet.

1:46 p.m. - Caller reported an 18-wheeler struck the fence over an hour ago at Wamesit Lanes. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

3:19 p.m. - Caller reported a loud protest in the area of Main Street and Chandler Street. Caller advised of the noise ordinance. Police checked the area. State Hospital nurses protesting from 2 until 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

7:16 a.m. - Caller in the lobby reported a female party stole his wallet and was now in Raleigh, North Carolina from Motel 6. Caller did not know his phone number. Police sent. The male party checked his room and found his wallet. No items were missing.

12:32 p.m. - Front desk of Motel 6 reported an unregistered female was in one of the rooms and when she was asked to leave, she got upset and threw the key card machine at the clerk. Police sent. They spoke with the clerk and reviewed the camera footage. Nothing was thrown and they were unable to locate that female.

12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a male in a high vest taking photos of houses at Bailey Road and River Road. Police sent. She drove by the male earlier and he was a land surveyor.

3:08 p.m. - Caller reported a tree company in the area of Coolidge Street and Whipple Road that was causing a road hazard. No details were given. Police sent. No road hazard.

Wednesday, May 15

12:01 p.m. - Alarm front the hall motion in the Trahan School. Police sent. Officer responded with drone and filed a report.

5:22 p.m. - He was threatened by a mailman at Ames Pond on Ames Hill Drive. Police sent to speak with the male party. They filed a report.

5:47 p.m. - Store clerk at Cumberland Farms reported occupants of a Toyota Avalon were soliciting for money at pump #9. Caller called back a short time later stating the parties had left the area and headed toward Motel 6. Police sent and filed a report.

6:17 p.m. - Police reported a male claimed his tires were slashed at Motel 6. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

9:49 p.m. - Caller reported lights in the area of Pinnacle Street of the conservation land and wood going back and forth. Police reported male party on electric bike and couple of women walking. All appeared OK and would be clearing the area shortly.

10:17 p.m. - Caller reported a white male on a bicycle in parking lot riding close to vehicles and reaching into his pockets at Market Basket south. Male last seen riding toward McDonalds on Main Street. Police sent and gone on arrival.

Thursday, May 16

2:23 a.m. - Caller reported someone rang his doorbell, no further interaction at Evergreen Road. Male described as mid 40s, dark complexion, bald or shaved head, wearing a dark blue hoodie with cut off sleeves and black long sleeve shirt. Just one male was suspected. He had a flashlight on his phone. Police sent. They spoke with the male party who stated he was looking for a friend's address.

4:32 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a white sedan drove by and yelled at them at Livingston Street Park. Caller reported the vehicle drove toward Main Street. Police sent. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

8:22 p.m. - A 911 caller Care Well Urgent Care reported a patient that was upset they would not see her. Police sent. They reported spoken to the female and she would be moving on for the night.

11:54 p.m. - A 911 caller reported there was a white Ford with no plates parked on the drive thru side that was preventing a delivery from occurring at Burger King. Caller reported officers were out there yesterday and took plates from the vehicle. Police sent. The vehicles were able to get by the truck in the drive-thru area.

Friday, May 17

3:43 a.m. - Caller from Home Depot reported a dark sedan with lights on in the corner of parking lot at Applebees Restaurant. People yelling at each other. Unknown make-model and how many people were there. Police sent. The area had been checked, no signs people yelled. All units cleared.

12:27 p.m. - Police responded for an unattended black backpack near the CVS drive through. Officer opened bag. There was expired candy in it. He checked with CVS, Market Basket, and Papa Ginos, but it wasn't theirs. Officer would be disposing the bag.

2:12 p.m. - Black male yelled at people at Market Basket South. He was threatening them and exited on the Perfecto's side. Police sent. Officer filed a report. Male party was trespassed from Market Basket.

10:01 p.m. - A 911 call for a unwanted party who was refusing to leave at Oscar Piñata's. Police sent. Male party left prior to arrival in his vehicle. Bartender stated all he drank was coffee, no alcoholic beverage. Police reported no damage to property and nothing physical happened.

Saturday, May 18

1:01 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 with male party slumped over the vehicle. Matthew Dalton, 32, of 55 Barnum St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs (crack cocaine).

Sunday, May 19

8:18 a.m. - Call from the surveillance company of Atamian Honda for a four-door black pick up parked on the west side of the building with the passenger seen getting out of the vehicle and going into the building. Police sent. Alarm company was contacted and stated the vehicle had left but they never saw the passenger get in. Key holder contacted and stated it was most likely a clear. The building was secure.

5:42 p.m. - Police out at Oakdale Liquor attempting to serve probation warrant. Luke Sands, 28, of 5 Brittany Lane in Billerica, was arrested and charged with a probation warrant, violation abuse prevention order, and threat to commit crime to wit murder.

Wilmington Police Log

Salem, New Hampshire man arrested for OUI

Friday, May 10:

4:25 p.m.: Susan Cunha Azevedo of 65 Whipple Road, in Billerica, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting a past shoplifting incident.

4:31 p.m.: Sara A McQuaid of 89 Douglass St., Apt. #1, in Portland, ME, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed state police reporting a motor vehicle accident between a brown 2011 Toyota Rav4 and a black 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee on Lowell St. and the I-93 NB Rt. 31 Ramp. No one was injured in the accident.

9:58 p.m.: A caller at the Yentile Recreation Facility on Cross Street reported he got a flat tire while attending his child's game, and believes it may have been vandalism.

Saturday, May 11:

6:21 a.m.: Ranny Billy Sok of 11 Midland St., in Lowell, was issued a summons for negligent operation of a motor vehicle and speeding violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his white 2010 Acura TSX on Mozart Avenue and Aldrich Road.

12:05 p.m.: A black 2016 Honda Accord and a red 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident on Carolyn Road and North Street. Police assisted with paperwork.

Sunday, May 12:

12:12 a.m.: A caller stated that they were on a MBTA commuter rail train going to Haverhill, and there was a man, described as a younger male with blond hair, a baseball cap, and sports clothes, who she said was hitting people, spitting on them, making racial slurs and threatening people. The caller got off the train in Reading, but called Wilmington police in case they got off there. Keolis was notified, and stated they had no knowledge of the situation, and later called back, stating there were no issues at that time.

6:11 a.m.: Fredy Polanco Peguero of 50 Osbourn St., in Providence, RI, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a number plate violation to conceal ID. This followed a stop of his silver 1999 Honda Civic near Cookes Skate Supply on Main Street.

1:16 p.m.: A caller at Yentile Recreation Facility on Cross Street reported that money was taken from an unlocked white 2012 Jeep Liberty in the parking lot.

Monday, May 13:

8:52 a.m.: Jackson Will Fedrick Tolbert of 2 Lancelot Ct., Apt. #15, in Salem, NH, was arrested for a second offense of OUI-Liquor over .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of an unregistered motor vehicle, and a marked lanes violation. This followed reports of his white 2011 Chevy 1500 swerving all over the road on Industrial Way.

12:49 p.m.: Passerby on the I-93 SB Rt. 34 Ramp reported a black teenage girl who appeared to be trying to walk onto the highway. Police met up with the girl, where it was discovered that she had had an appointment with the Registry of Motor Vehicles that morning, and was trying to walk home to Malden. Police drove her to the North Wilmington MBTA station so she could go home.

Tuesday, May 14:

11 a.m.: Staff at Concentra Medical on Concord Street reported a woman in the parking lot who appeared to be distressed: crying, yelling, and throwing punches into the wind. Police spoke with the woman, and it was discovered she was having an argument over the phone. The woman entered Concentra Medical, but was advised to call if she needed any further assistance.

1:12 p.m.: An employee at the Cumberland Farms Gas Station on Main Street reported that sometime the night before, the hose had been stolen from the pump.

6:31 p.m.: A caller reported that his car had been hit by a motorcycle on the I-93 SB highway, damaging the car, and that even when he pulled over, the group of motorcycles involved did not stop and continued on towards North Reading. Several different motorcyclists were pulled over, but police were unable to find the one involved in the accident.

Wednesday, May 15:

7:44 a.m.: A gray 2015 GMC Acadia and a white 2020 Nissan Frontier were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street and Lake Street. No airbags were deployed, but one party complained of neck pain.

7:56 a.m.: A black Mercedes GLS and a gray 2002 Toyota Camry were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

11:19 a.m.: A caller at Elia's Country Store on Middlesex Avenue reported that at least 5-10 minutes beforehand, a vehicle backed into his work trailer. The trailer was undamaged, but the other vehicle had a broken trail light. The white 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee responsible ended up returning to the scene, where insurance paperwork was exchanged.

Thursday, May 16:

12:09 p.m.: A caller at Tracelink on Ballardvale Street reported a missing package.

2:56 p.m.: A caller on Ashwood Avenue reported hearing series of loud bangs coming from the area of Heilind Electronics on Jonspin Road, and feared they may have been gunshots. However, no one else in the area reported hearing anything of that description.

4:06 p.m.: Ashner Jenkins Polynice of 58 Franklin St., in Peabody, was issued a summons for shoplifting by concealing merchandise. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting a past shoplifting incident.

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Sean Patrone won the high jump at the league finals. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

PATRONE LEADS WILMINGTON AT LEAGUE MEETS

Wildcats boys and girls both place eighth at ML championships

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At the Middlesex League track and field championship meets last week, the Wilmington High girls team placed eighth with 30 points and the Wildcat boys team placed eighth with 29 points.

Sean Patrone highlighted the day for WHS, taking first place in the high jump after clearing 6 feet.

For the Wildcat girls, there were several highlights.

Mollie Osgood placed second in the high jump with a height of 5 feet, 2 inches and fifth in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.02 seconds.

Alexis LeBlanc scored in two events, finishing third in the 200-meter dash in 26.52 seconds and fourth in the 100-meter dash in 12.97 seconds.

Addy Hunt had a hand in two successful events as well, ending up fifth in the two mile in 11:52 and helping Wilmington 4x400 relay team take seventh in 4:25. Also on that WHS relay team was Isabel Carriere, Alexis Melvin and Olivia Niceforo.

The Wildcats also had two girls place in the javelin with Molly MacDonald taking sixth and Anna Jancsics finishing eighth.

The boys had other exciting performances along with Patrone.

Ashvin Baker had a big afternoon.

He placed second in the 400-meter run in 50.62 seconds, the third-fastest time in Wilmington High history. Baker also joined Dean Ciampa, Cam Jenks and Jameson Burns and finished sixth in the 4x400 relay in 3:36.01.

Aidan Burke added a fourth-place performance in the javelin while Martin Philiossaint and Marvins Jean both scored in the triple jump, placing seventh and eighth, respectively.

Other participants for the boys was Ben Harris in the 400, Thomas Burns and Nathan Cardin in the 800-meter run, Jean and Jonas Arulraj, Patrone and Hunter Sands in the 110-meter hurdles, Mike Oatis and Ciampa in the mile, David Dynan and Gavin Dong in the two mile, Dylan Grace and Burke in the 400-meter hurdles, Jenks in the 200, Sands in the high jump and javelin, Gabriel Borges and Benjamin Wright in both the shot put and discus and Burke, Jenks and Daniel Elkin in the long jump.

Also competing for the girls was Kayleigh Walker in the 200 and the 100, Melvin and Carriere in the 400, Charlotte Kiley and Isabella Zaya in the 800-meter run, Emma Callahan in the 100 hurdles, Hannah Bryson and Cayley Israelson in the mile, Mia Stryhalaleck in the two mile, Maeve White and Bryson in the 400-meter hurdles, Melvin and Callahan in the triple jump, LeBlanc and Samantha Glaser in the long jump, Abigail Howie in the javelin, Howie and Maddie Krueger in the shot put, Krueger and Jancsics in the discus and Abigail Engvaldsen in the high jump.

▶ Aidan Burke had a busy day at the league championships. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

▲ Alexis Leblanc had a solid day at the league meet last week. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

▼ Hannah Bryson competes in the 400-meter hurdles. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

◀ Joe Gronemeyer takes a lead off of first base. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Wilmington still in the hunt

Wildcat baseball falls to Shawsheen, dips to 8-9

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The good news for the Wilmington High baseball team?

The Wildcats still have a shot at the state tournament.

On Monday, Wilmington lost by a 12-1 score to visiting Shawsheen Tech in a six inning, mercy-rule shortened game at WHS.

With an 8-9 overall record, Wilmington played the Rams again on Wednesday and finishes the season at its annual Memorial Day tournament on Saturday and Sunday in Wilmington. If the 'Cats win two of those final three contests, they could be a dangerous playoff team in June.

Shawsheen, meanwhile, improved to 15-3 overall with the victory and is already Commonwealth Athletic Conference champions.

Ranked 11th in the Div. 3 MIAA power rankings as of May 17, Shawsheen can improve on that seeding in the final week of the campaign.

On Monday, Shawsheen set the top right away, scoring four times in the top of the first inning and taking a 6-1 lead after four frames.

The Rams scored three more runs in the fifth and then added three in the sixth to put the game away.

Senior Matt Flynn was the winning pitcher for Shawsheen, going all six innings, but Wilmington managed at least one hit in four of the six innings.

In the first, Noah Spencer hit a one-out single. In the third, after Jacob Doherty walked to lead off the inning, Spencer drove him home with an RBI double.

In the fourth, Austin Harper and Eric Spinney led off with back-to-back singles and both runners advanced after Brian Banks' sacrifice bunt, but a strikeout and a fly out to right by Doherty kept Wilmington for cutting into the lead.

In the sixth, Joe Gronemeyer led off the frame with a pinch-hit single, but Shawsheen turned a double play moments later. After Spinney singled, a strikeout by Flynn ended the game.

After its four-run opening inning, Shawsheen kept piling on.

In the second, Robbie Welch led off with a double and scored on a base hit by Lukas Poirier.

Ryan Jamieson led off the third with a single, stole second, took third on a sacrifice bunt by Brendan Lee and scored on a grounder by Poirier.

With two outs in the fifth, Will Holloway reached on an error and Lee walked before an RBI single by Poirier. Welch then scored two more with a two-run double to center field.

Against WHS freshman reliever Julian Martins, Shawsheen added three more in the sixth.

Poirier led off with a single and took third on Will Trach's double. An RBI single by Dyllon Pratt made it 10-1, Jamieson's grounder plated pinch running Kevin O'Brien to make it 11-1 and a sacrifice fly by Holloway allowed Pratt to tag up and score to complete the scoring.

Before Shawsheen, Wilmington lost a tight battle with Wakefield, 5-4.

Wilmington actually led 4-2 into the sixth inning before the Warriors rallied with one run in the sixth and two more in the bottom of the seventh for the walk-off victory.

Spencer had two hits and scored twice in the loss while RBIs went to Theo Bryson, Aydan Balter, Michael Dynan and Austin Harper.

Balter pitched six solid inning for the Wildcats.

◀ Kyle Gabaree throws a pitch for the Wildcats. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

▼ Brian Banks takes a swing against Shawsheen. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Girls lacrosse finishing strong

Wildcats beat Stoneham, keep Wakefield close

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From the way the Wilmington High lacrosse team carried themselves after their Middlesex League matchup with Belmont on Monday, it was difficult to tell who was on the losing end of a 13-2 whopping.

That's because the Wildcats decided to have some fun.

WHS coach Chris Frissore played junior varsity goalie Makayla Maguire for most of the contest to give the rising junior some varsity experience.

For everyday netminder Abby Driscoll, well, she traded in her goalie stick for a player's one.

Driscoll — who's been a standout between the pipes all season — scored a goal with three seconds left on an eight-meter opportunity in what was her first goal of her varsity career.

"I don't think I've ever played her out," Frissore said. "Second-to-last game of her career, she got to score a goal.

"We lost 13-2, but you would never know it at the end of the game. We celebrated like we just won the championship or something. It was good to have something to celebrate. Everybody was happy, it was really fun."

Jill Collins also found the back of the net in the loss.

But before their Monday night contest, the 'Cats celebrated for real on Saturday in a 9-5 win over Stoneham for their second win of the campaign.

"We played well from the start, which the last games we actually have been coming out pretty well starting the game off," Frissore said.

Collins led the way with four goals, followed by Leah Murphy (two), Gabby Kulevich, Kiera Warford, and Lindsey Broussard.

Wilmington held Stoneham to just five goals, their lowest goals-allowed total all season.

"Defense looked good," Frissore said. "We were getting a lot of ground balls and we were possessing the ball, which is all the things that we talk about."

On Friday, despite a 14-9 loss to a talented Wakefield squad, Frissore was again proud of his team's performance, cutting the deficit down from their 15-4 loss earlier in the season.

"We played really well," said the coach. "They just capitalized on a couple of opportunities and we just didn't. For the most part, defense played really well and everything was going pretty well. We just fell a little short."

It was knotted 6-6 at half, but the 'Cats were only able to net three goals the rest of the way.

Murphy (two), Maddie Sainato (two), Cate MacDonald (two), Broussard, Kulevich, and Dani Chillemi rounded out the offensive scoring.

The Wildcats have one game remaining on the season slate this spring, a rematch with the Shawsheen Tech on Thursday.

The last time both squads met, Wilmington suffered a close 12-11 loss. With some adjustments and an increased will to win the last game of the season, Frissore likes his squad's chances.

"We feel like we should have won the first one, and we are definitely looking to get some revenge," Frissore said. "I'm sure they have the same motivation. I think it will be a good game.

"They play a different defense than we were used to, so it's something we'll be practicing this week to get used to it. Hopefully with some adjustments and good play we can figure it out."

Softball wins share of league title

Pounding of Burlington is key for Wildcats

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The Wilmington High softball team lost to Wakefield last week by a 4-1 score.

While the loss prevented the Wildcats from winning the Middlesex League's Freedom Division title outright, Wilmington was still able to grab a share of the league championship.

In the end, Wilmington, Wakefield and Burlington all finished as tri-champions.

The Wildcats are 11-6 overall heading into the final three games.

Wednesday, Wilmington played at Masconomet Regional at home before a home-and-home series against Triton Regional. Friday, the 'Cats host Triton before visiting Byfield on Sunday to conclude the regular season.

Against Wakefield, Wilmington trailed 2-0 before scoring once in the bottom of the fifth. The score stayed 2-1 until the Warriors scored two more in the top of the seventh, Ali McElligott had a solid game for WHS going 2 for 3, drawing a walk and scoring a run. Eva Boudreau also had a hit and Charlotte Forcina was 1 for 2 and walked.

Wilmington earned a critical 15-3 win over Burlington on May 14, winning in a six-inning game shortened by the mercy rule.

The Wildcats scored in every inning, blowing open a 4-2 game with seven runs in the fifth inning and then four more in the sixth to end the contest early.

Summer Sands had a monster game, going 2 for 2 with a walk, driving in four runs and scoring two times.

McElligott was 2 for 4 with a walk and two RBIs, Boudreau had a hit, a walk and drove in two runs and Forcina, Sofia Tentindo, Olivia Raposa and Lily MacKenzie also chipped in with RBIs.

Others with two hits were Raposa, Erin McCarthy and Julia Archer.

Archer also drew two walks and Forcina walked three times.

Isabella Maiella pitched all six innings for the victory.

▶ Olivia Raposa keeps her eye on a pitch.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

▲ The Wilmington High softball team talks strategy during a recent game.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

▶ Erin McCarthy and the Wildcats are tri-champs of the league this season.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Wilmington Tennis Roundup:

Boys stun Central, girls on winning streak

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The Wilmington High boys tennis team earned one of its best victories in recent memory on Monday, topping Central Catholic, 3-2, in a non league match at Wilmington.

At first singles, Wilmington's Anuj Gandhi played one of his best matches of the season, edging close friend Arnav Lele, 7-6,6-2.

Jay Karani had his first win at No. 3 singles as he dominated 6-2 6-1.

The Wildcats prevailed at second doubles by registering a disciplined 6-1 6-2 victory.

Wilmington is 8-6 overall with matches this week to finish the regular season in Wakefield on Tuesday, at Reading on Wednesday and at home on Thursday against Winchester.

The Wildcats are second in the Middlesex League's Freedom Division, trailing Burlington by one win.

GIRLS ON A ROLL

The Wilmington High girls tennis team is wrapping up an impressive regular season.

WHS (10-4-1) beat Wakefield, Watertown and Reading in recent action.

Against Wakefield on Sunday, Wilmington won, 4-1.

The 'Cats won all three singles matches easily, losing only one game.

Savannah Beatrice, Jaslene Ryou and Shubhangi Tripathi were the winners in singles for Wilmington.

Alison D'Arco and Maria Cummings won 6-2, 6-2 at second doubles.

The only loss for Wilmington was even a full match.

After dropping the first set, the team of Sophia LaVita and Madison Benoit battled back to win a second-set tiebreaker. Instead of playing a full third set with the team winner already decided, the No. 1 doubles encounter ended with a super tiebreaker up to 10 points which was won by Wakefield.

On May 18, Wilmington won a terrific battle with Watertown, 3-2.

Beatrice won 6-3, 6-1 at first singles and Tripathi pulled out an excellent victory at third singles by a score of 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

D'Arco and Veronika Loshak earned the third point for Wilmington at second doubles, holding on for a 6-0, 7-5 triumph.

The Wildcats easily could have swept.

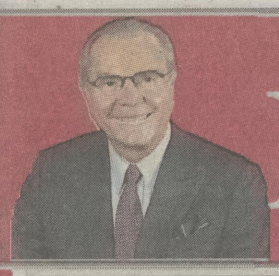
At two singles, Ryou lost 6-4, 6-3.

At No. 1 doubles, LaVita and Cummings nearly came back again, falling 6-1, 6-3.

Against Reading, Wilmington didn't drop a set in a 5-0 sweep.

Beatrice, Ryou and Tripathi were singles winners.

LaVita and Cummings won 6-2, 6-0 at first doubles and D'Arco and Loshak were 6-3, 6-2 winners at second doubles.



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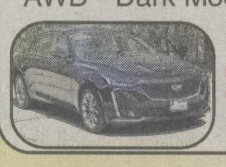
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2. How large should my down payment be? A Freddie Mac survey found that nearly one-third of prospective homebuyers believe you need to make a down payment of at least 20% to buy a home. This myth remains one of the largest perceived barriers to homeownership.

The truth is that the typical down payment is between 5% and 20%, and some mortgage programs make it possible to put down as little as 3%. Your down payment size will depend on your financial situation, your lender and your eligibility for different types of mortgages.

Bear in mind that if you put down less than 20% and have a conventional loan, you'll need to budget for private mortgage insurance (PMI), an added insurance policy that protects the lender if you're unable to pay your mortgage. This monthly fee is rolled into your mortgage payment. Expect to pay approximately $30 to $70 per month for every $100,000 you borrow. The good news? Many types of loans allow you to cancel your PMI once you've built 20% equity in your home.

You can use Freddie Mac's down payment calculator at myhome.freddiemac.com/resources/calculators/down-payment to explore how different down payment amounts affect how much you pay each month and over the life of your loan.

3. Where can I turn for help? Struggling to save for a down payment? There are many forms of down payment assistance, including grants, mortgage credit certificates, individual development accounts, down payment assistance loans and even monetary gifts from family members. For those earning 50% or less than their area's median income, Freddie Mac offers a $2,500 credit to qualified individuals to assist with down payment and other closing costs.

A housing counselor or lender can explain the ins and outs of each of these options, and help you determine which make sense for your situation. Ask your lender about DPA One, a free tool from Freddie Mac that lenders can use to help connect you with down payment assistance programs available in your area.

Saving for a down payment can sound daunting, but you may be overestimating the up-front cost. The truth is that homeownership may be a practical and affordable option for you now.

How to tackle spring cleaning, even when you have pets

(BPT) - The idea of giving your home a thorough cleaning each spring is very appealing, but can also be overwhelming. It may even seem impossible, given today's busy lifestyles, active children - and especially pets. You may love your pets, but the fur and stains they leave behind make it even more challenging to keep your home as clean as you'd like.

To get you started, the experts at Libman Company, manufacturer of household cleaning products made in the U.S.A. since 1896, offer these helpful spring cleaning tips that can even conquer the messes your beloved pets may create.

1. Plan first

To avoid feeling overwhelmed, develop a plan that takes into account the time, energy and tools you need to get the job done.

Consider setting aside a weekend or two, so you'll have plenty of time. Divide your home into zones, addressing the most frequently used areas of your home first, like the entryway, kitchen or bathrooms. Make sure to enlist help from your family!

Pro tip: For multi-story homes, have a set of cleaning supplies/equipment on each floor, saving you from lugging mops and brooms up and down stairs.

2. Use the best tools

Trying to clean with old, worn-out brooms or mops adds time and frustration to your task. Instead, make cleaning easier with tools expertly made for the job.

For example, Libman's PetPlus Angle Broom with Dustpan is specially designed to tackle pet hair, dander, litter box dust and tracked-in dirt. The all-surface broom fibers remove over 99% of dust, dirt and hair in one sweep, with over 137,000 6-inch-long split-tip fibers that attract and hold pet hair. Together with the 12.5-inch wide dustpan with 1.5-inch built-in "teeth" to help remove hair, dirt and debris from broom fibers, this is the perfect combo to help you clean up after pets.

After sweeping, clean floors thoroughly with Libman's Freedom Dual-Sided Microfiber Spray Mop. The dual-sided microfiber pad offers double the cleaning power, saving time and money. The removable and reusable microfiber pad is machine washable up to 50 times - reducing needless waste. The TripleGrip Microfiber absorbs and deep cleans, removing 99% of bacteria with only water. The mop's 360-degree swivel neck lets you reach into the toughest and tightest corners, and you can use it on wood, laminate, tile, vinyl, stone and linoleum floors, choosing your own cleaning solution for the refillable tank. When done cleaning, simply remove the mop head and toss in the laundry.

For carpeted floors and upholstered furniture, use a vacuum cleaner designed for pet hair. Make sure to frequently empty the canister or change the bag, as fur quickly clogs up any vacuum, making it less effective.

3. Do a quick de-clutter

It's easier to address chores like mopping and dusting after clearing away miscellaneous items. Walk through target areas with trash/recycling bags first, removing items that need to be discarded. Then use a box or basket to collect things that belong in other rooms. Kids can help with this task, looking for items that belong in their rooms. Before you know it, your surfaces will be clearer and ready for deep cleaning.

4. Start high

Start cleaning at the top - otherwise you could dislodge dust, pet hair and cobwebs to dirty your newly cleaned floors. For each room, tackle ceiling fans or light fixtures before walls or windows. Then clean horizontal surfaces like tables and shelves, saving floors for last.

Once you get to the floors, you'll be ready to put your new Libman broom and mop to work to easily remove pet hair and other debris.

How to create an Insta-worthy outdoor living space

(BPT) - Social media has changed the ways people engage with content and seek inspiration. Thanks to ever-evolving technology and algorithms, you have the ability to find new ideas instantly.

Need a new recipe? Find and follow a chef or home cook on TikTok or Instagram. In a reading rut? Explore reviewers who can share book recommendations for your next read. You can even discover new ways to transform your yard this spring on your social media feeds.

It may seem odd to consider that people use the digital landscape to help them revamp their outdoor living space, but according to a new survey by TruGreen, 40% of Americans do just that.

Are you ready to create an Insta-worthy outdoor space? Check out these three tips to inspire your yard renovation.

1. Return to timeless appeal

Trends may come and go, but you can't beat the timeless appeal of a healthy landscape. According to the survey, 89% of Americans emphasize the pivotal role of a healthy lawn in that landscape. Without this foundation, you can't build an attractive outdoor space.

Focusing on the basics is the key to outdoor charm. Over half of Americans say flowers are the quintessential element for creating a visually pleasing outdoor space, closely followed by healthy plants and shrubbery.

2. Talk to the pros when challenges arise

While more Americans are interested in creating beautiful, healthy outdoor spaces, many are not versed in the challenges of landscape upkeep. For example, Americans are most stumped by how to get rid of weeds, followed by a quest for the perfect plant and the proper lawn care schedule.

If you find yourself overwhelmed, it's best to consult with a company like TruGreen, the nation's leading lawn care treatment provider, to help you beautify your outdoor spaces without guesswork.

3. Spend more time outdoors

Longing for beautiful, maintained outdoor spaces, over half of Americans are willing to invest more time outdoors. Not sure what you're looking for? TruGreen recommends that you:

* Take stock of your yard. Scan your greenery and consider incorporating plants and trees that complement your home's size. For two-story homes, trees and tall bushes are a good choice, while one-story homes can focus on keeping plants trimmed and compact for a positive visual appeal.

* Imagine where you'd like to add furniture. Incorporating elements like Adirondack chairs, small outdoor bed swings or teak wood outdoor sectionals can create a refreshing and relaxing feel.

* Assess your lawn. As the canvas of your outdoor space, a dreamy, green lawn demands meticulous care. Neglecting lawn maintenance can lead to unsightly issues, including brown patches, rampant weeds and insect damage. To ensure your lawn remains a dreamy oasis, engaging with a professional service like TruGreen can be invaluable in maintaining its health and saving valuable time.

With expert counsel and a proper maintenance routine, homeowners can achieve an outdoor space they love that's worthy of showing off on their social media feeds. To learn more and find pros that can help maintain your outdoor living space, visit TruGreen.com.

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Burlington, MA - Synergy Home Appliance, a local family-owned business, proudly announces the grand opening of its brand new showroom at 1 North Ave. Offering quality kitchen and laundry appliances, Synergy Home Appliance aims to redefine the appliance shopping experience for the community.

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"At Synergy Home Appliance, we're dedicated to bringing together the best products, pricing, and performance to create success for our customers and their homes," says Founder Ken Gillis. "Whether you're designing your dream kitchen or selecting your first washer and dryer, the Synergy team is here to make you a customer for life."

For more information, visit www.synergyhomeappliance.com.

New study shows 99% of materials causing sewage clogs should never have been flushed

(BPT) - Do you have good flushing habits? Flushing may seem like a simple, routine task, but unfortunately, many people flush items that can cause major problems for local and national sewage systems.

Wastewater agencies and wipes industry experts recently collaborated on the largest known domestic sewage collection study to help determine what exactly is clogging sewer lines and equipment. The final study results are now available, and they add up to a massive problem.

What do the numbers say?

The study captured, sorted and identified over 1,700 items collected during peak flow times. The materials found included:

* 34.1% non-flushable wipes labeled with the "Do Not Flush" symbol (baby wipes, cleaning wipes, makeup wipes, etc.)

* 64.9% other non-flushable items (paper towels, period products, trash, etc.)

* 0.9% wipes labeled as flushable

Wipes labeled as "flushable" accounted for less than 1% of sewer system debris and were in the process of breaking apart, while the majority of the non-flushable items collected were fully intact.

What's the big deal?

It can be tempting to assume that flushing a non-flushable item occasionally may not be a big deal. However, items like paper towels, baby wipes, makeup wipes, rags and more are not designed to pass through sewage systems at any point in their lifetime.

Unlike flushable wipes made from natural fibers that break down easily, non-flushable items can clog the pipes in your home. Even if they pass through your home's waste system, they can cause problems in your local sewer system and beyond.

The pumps, augurs and pipe networks of municipal wastewater systems are not made to transport or break down these materials. When enough non-flushable items come together, they can congeal to form cement-like fatbergs, which are expensive to remove.

Each year, a significant number of sewer spills occur, many caused when non-flushable products make their way into the wastewater system. These wastewater spills are messy and expensive to clean up. More importantly, wastewater spills threaten public health and the environment.

The cost to the public and you

Fixing problems caused by non-flushable products is quite expensive. A home clog can cost homeowners anywhere from $175 to more than $1,000 to fix. Even if you don't pay for a plumber for your pipes, you may end up paying for damage to wastewater systems.

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies estimates that local public agencies throughout the U.S. (and the ratepayers they represent) spend more than $440 million each year to respond to sewer overflows caused by inappropriately flushing "Do Not Flush" labeled wet wipes and repair wastewater treatment equipment.

How can you help?

While non-flushable products clogging the nation's sewer systems is a massive problem, everyone can do their part to solve it. You can help by learning and practicing smart flushing habits.

Common household items that you should NEVER flush include:

* Baby wipes, household cleaning wipes and makeup wipes

* Paper towels and facial tissues

* Fats, oils and grease

* Food, trash and plastic bags

* Rags, cloth and disposable gloves

* Cotton balls, cotton swabs and dental floss

* Feminine products

* Hair and hair weaves

* Medications and syringes

Be especially cautious when flushing wipes. In the U.S., 90% of wipes sold are non-flushable. When purchasing and using wipes, look for the "Do Not Flush" symbol on the front of the packaging. If you can't find the symbol, err on the side of caution and dispose of the wipes in your garbage can.

Take care of your pipes and help reduce damage to the nation's sewage systems by practicing smart flushing habits. To learn more about the study, visit FlushSmart.org/CA-Collection-Study-Report.

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Tips for electrical safety in and around your homents

(BPT) - May is Electrical Safety Month! It's a great time to remind yourself of the potential dangers associated with electricity and be proactive about electrical safety in and around your home, workplace and community. People tend to take electricity for granted - our lights, appliances, technology, and everything else we plug into a wall outlet should just work, right? - but it's important to be mindful of safety to prevent electrical accidents, injuries and even fires.

Here's an electrical safety checklist from the pros at Mr. Electric, a Neighborly company, one of the leading electrical installation and repair providers to homes and businesses nationwide.

Check cords. When was the last time you checked the cords on your lamps, appliances and electronics? The obvious first step is to look for fraying or other damage. But also be mindful of how they're placed. Are your cords snaking their way under a carpet or furniture? Make sure they have a clear run from the unit to the outlet. And about those outlets...

Check outlets. Overloading is a no-no. Make sure you're not plugging too many electrical devices into one outlet. But, just as important, and maybe more so, is checking the outlets themselves. Are any loose? Do any of them have discoloration or burn marks? If you see this, call Mr. Electric immediately. That's a potential sign of electrical danger.

Be mindful of water. Remember to keep countertop appliances away from water sources like sinks and bathtubs. And check the outlets in your kitchen and bathroom to ensure they are Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets, which cut power if there's a ground fault.

Monitor extension cord use. If you have extension cords crisscrossing your rooms or using extension cords for appliances like window air conditioners that specifically advise against it, it's time to rethink that.

Unplug appliances. We're not talking about fridges and washing machines. But the toaster, the coffee grinder or your hairdryer - unplug those when not in use. Not only will it save money on your electricity bill (they draw electricity when plugged in), but it will add a layer of safety, too.

Consider a whole-home surge protector. With storm season in full swing, it's time to think about protecting your appliances, technology and other devices with a whole-home surge protector. They work in much the same way as power strips (You have your computer plugged into one, right? If not, do it now.) but they protect the whole house and are built to withstand multiple power surges. To find out more or to get one installed, contact Mr. Electric.

Get an electrical home inspection. Not only is this important for the safety of your home and everyone in it, but getting your home's electrical system checked by a professional will also offer you peace of mind. When Mr. Electric does an electrical home inspection, they thoroughly examine your entire electrical system to ensure that all electrical wires, systems and components meet legal safety standards, using the National Electrical Code (NEC) as their primary guideline. Upon completion of your electrical home inspection, a Mr. Electric inspector will provide a detailed, prioritized checklist, including areas needing immediate attention, recommendations for improvements, and potential upgrade possibilities.

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Paul Pierce and his son Nathan believe that clean windows have a way of lifting people's spirits. Paul explains "Spring is here and as people go through their to-do lists, gutter cleaning, window cleaning and power washing should be right up there!"

With many people working from home and businesses back to normal, the appeal of a clean exterior is as important as ever for both residential and commercial customers.

In addition to the simple pleasure of looking out through clean glass, Money Magazine cited another benefit of having your windows professionally cleaned. Especially, if you are looking to sell your home! "According to real estate agents surveyed, the number one home improvement that generates the best return on investment is window cleaning." The magazine found that "the ROI on window cleaning alone was determined to be 768%." Additionally, Paul Pierce and his son Nathan believe that clean windows have a way of lifting people's spirits. Paul explains "there is something refreshing about being able to look through your windows with a clear view as people spend more time indoors with their families."

Fish offers free estimates in a timely manner. Also, Fish Window Cleaning is fully insured to provide customers that extra level of confidence that they are dealing with a top notch professional service company. Paul goes on to say, "we take great pride in employing just the right people. Our guys are professional and take great pride in their work." Nathan goes on to add, "they respect your property and work in a diligent and safe manner."

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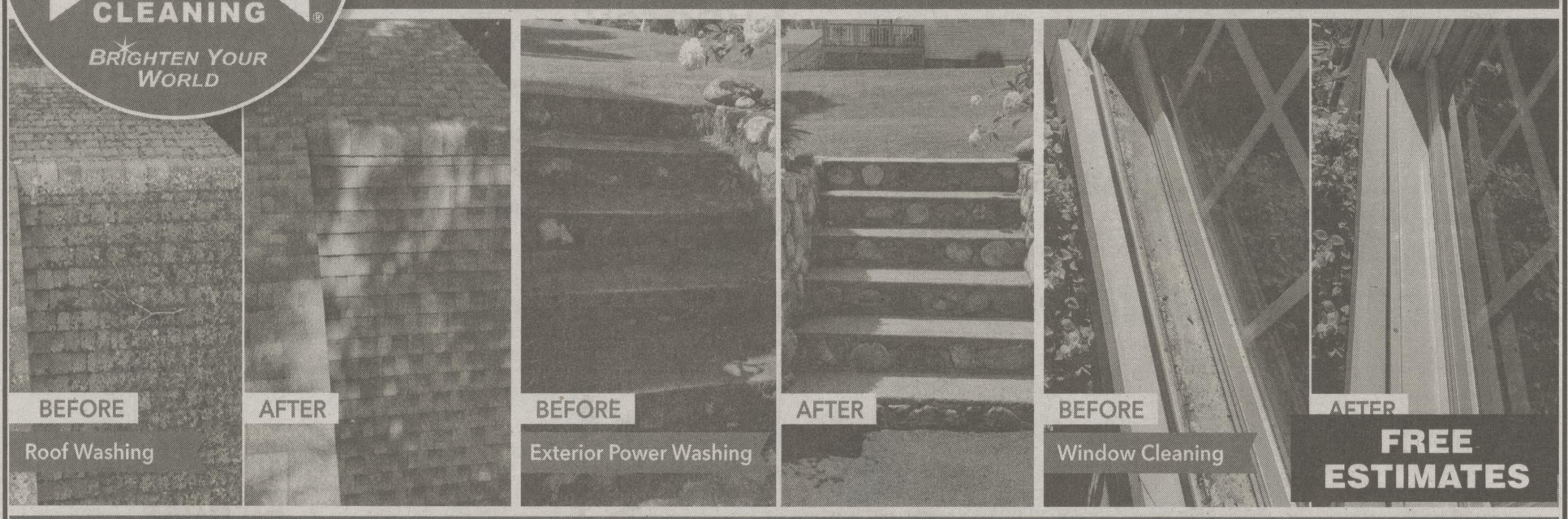

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Build your own window feeder for summer bird watching

(StatePoint) There are very few things more relaxing than the amazing sight and sound of birds. A 2022 study even uncovered profound mental health benefits to birdwatching, including stress relief. But how do you go about bringing some of this outdoor zen to your kitchen or living room? The answer is simple: a DIY window bird feeder.

"With a window bird feeder, you'll create a fascinating view of feathered friends going about their daily routines, great educational opportunities, family bonding moments and even a little fun for your indoor pets," says Jamie Briggs, director of marketing at Exmark, a leading manufacturer of lawn care equipment.

Below are the tools, materials, and basic instructions for this "Done-in-a-Weekend-Project" from Exmark:

- Drill
- Jigsaw
- Miter saw
- Speed square
- Brad nailer
- Sand paper
- Tape measure
- Wood glue
- Pencil
- Paint or pre-conditioner and stain
- Ear and eye protection
- Dust mask
- 1-1 1/2-inch brad nails
- (4) suction cups
- Landscape fabric (optional)
- (1) 1-inch x 8-inch x 3-foot pine board

(2) 1-inch x 4-inch x 3-foot pine boards

(1) 1-inch x 2-inch x 3-foot pine board

Build Steps

1. Cut boards to length, according to the cut list (downloadable on the Exmark site).
2. Measure the angles to form the roof peak.
3. Trace a window shape in board A and use a jigsaw to cut out the window hole.
4. Secure the tray using brad nails. Use wood glue along the seams.
5. Attach the roof boards using nails and glue.
6. Drill holes that match the diameter and depth of the suction cups. Fill them with glue and insert the suction cups.
7. Sand the feeder's edges.
8. Apply paint or preconditioner and stain of your choice. Finish off with a sealer.
9. Line the interior of the tray with landscape fabric.

To view the video tutorial and download the full build plans, visit Exmark's Backyard Life site at backyard.exmark.com, a multimedia destination that provides homeowners with everything from grilling tips and design projects to gardening and lawn care advice.

"Now all there's left to do is pick out the perfect window, hang your new DIY bird feeder, and enjoy all the sights and sounds our avian friends have to offer," says Briggs.

Expert landscaping tips for choosing and installing plants

(StatePoint) The perfect landscape may start with a healthy, lush lawn, but for interest and depth, you'll also need to consider the plants that surround it.

Thankfully, it's easy to make considerable improvements to your backyard life using tips from professionals. Landscape designer Doug Scott has partnered with lawn care equipment manufacturer Exmark, to offer these tips for selecting and installing plants that will beautify your outdoor living areas.

Choosing Plants

- Choose plants well-suited for your specific growing conditions. Knowing your growing zone is important, however you should also be mindful how conditions like sun exposure can change as you move around your yard.
- Choose the right size plants for the space. Bear in mind that what you're planting today is much smaller than what it will be once it's matured. Always read a plant's care label to understand its optimal growing conditions and size at maturity.
- From a design perspective, think in terms of texture, layers and drifts. When addressing the overall texture of your planting beds, choose plants that vary in form, size, color and leaf structure. This will create greater interest, and a space that's more visually appealing and enjoyable to spend time in.

For a lush look, think in terms of layers when considering composition. Much like in a painting, you should have background, middle ground, and foreground layers. Your background layer should consist of taller evergreen shrubs to provide something alive and green to look at all year long, no matter what's happening in front of them. Your middle ground layer should be lower than the background layer to create interest, and is where you can add a contrasting evergreen shrub or pop of color with a perennial plant. Finally, your foreground layer should help transition the planting beds to your lawn space. You can accomplish this with smaller perennials, evergreens, annuals or creeping ground covers.

When addressing drifts, read the plant labels to know how large they'll grow. This can help ensure plants grow in together as they mature, but are not overcrowded.

Installing Them

1. Dig a hole that's about two times the diameter of the pot your plant's being transplanted form, and about the depth of the pot.
2. Mend in compost or soil conditioner to give your plant the organic material it needs to thrive. If you'd like, add slow-release fertilizer, and mix well.
3. Place your plant in the hole, making sure that it sits at, or just above, the level it did in the pot.
4. Backfill with soil, stopping to add water when the hole is about halfway full.
5. Fill the rest of the hole with soil, then firmly press down.
6. Soak your plant with more water.
7. Finish by adding mulch, making sure it's pulled away from the base of your plant.

Scott offers more insights in "How to Choose Plants for Landscaping," a recent episode of "Done-in-a-Weekend Projects," an original series from Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of outdoor spaces.

"Now that you have the inspiration and know-how needed to choose and install plant material, you can create landscaping that reflects who you are and how you'd like to live outside," says Scott.

New HVAC trends increase sustainability and savings for homeowners

(BPT) - Like many sectors, the HVAC industry is no stranger to new challenges, technological advancements and regulatory shifts which in turn can impact homeowners. Today, the sector is buzzing with trends that directly impact homeowners' comfort, wallet and the planet.

The following insights will help homeowners navigate the evolving HVAC market, enabling them to make informed decisions that benefit their homes and create a more sustainable future.

Decarbonization-Focused Products Offer Sustainability and Savings

In many parts of the country, fossil fuels, such as propane, coal and natural gas, deliver the energy necessary to power furnaces, boilers and water heaters. Using these resources as efficiently as possible is important to saving consumers money and safeguarding the environment. The reality is that the supply of these resources is limited and burning fuels adds harmful greenhouse gases to our atmosphere.

Homeowners concerned about the environment can act to decarbonize their homes, without sacrificing comfort and convenience. Decarbonization is a strategy focused on reducing dependence on resources that produce high levels of carbon emissions and greenhouse gases. The objective of decarbonization is to create a cleaner, more sustainable future that supports the demands and benefits of our modern lifestyle.

With their significant impact on any home's energy use, HVAC systems are critical in any homeowner's sustainability and decarbonization journey. Fortunately, the HVAC industry is increasingly championing sustainability, and homeowners today can seek environmentally conscious solutions and companies when making decisions about home heating and cooling equipment. Products that households may consider when following the decarbonization trend are heat pumps, which not only offer efficient temperature control but also contribute to reducing carbon footprints and provide savings on utility bills. For those that may not be familiar, heat pumps offer an energy-efficient alternative to furnaces and air conditioners, and they use the refrigeration cycle to move heat from the outside in, or the inside out, keeping your home at the perfect temperature.

Homeowners should also consider their surrounding environment when selecting a unit. For example, another option

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Bring vitality to gardens in the shade with impatiens: Your new burst of living color!

(BPT) - Ready to fill your garden with striking colors this spring? Look to Beacon® Impatiens from PanAmerican Seed®, the gardener's favorite versatile plant for partial to deep shade gardens.

With their vibrant, cheerful flowers, Beacon® Impatiens bloom throughout several seasons and thrive in shaded areas with low maintenance. Now available in two new colors - Lipstick and Pearl Island Mix - these exciting additions to the Beacon® Impatiens lineup promise to invigorate your garden with even more charm. Beacon® Impatiens is a fantastic option for any outdoor space, offering advantages for both beginner and seasoned gardeners.

Read on to learn how Beacon® Impatiens can fill your outdoors with bright, long-lasting colors this summer by standing up to garden diseases, while also enhancing your well-being through the therapeutic benefits of gardening.

Wellness through gardening

Embrace the joys of spring gardening with Beacon® Impatiens and experience the remarkable wellness benefits of spending time outdoors and connecting with nature. Engaging in gardening activities provides not only physical exercise but also mental rejuvenation, offering a therapeutic escape from the stresses of daily life. Whether you're planting, nurturing or simply admiring the beauty of your blossoming garden, the experience of tending to your Beacon® Impatiens offers a holistic sense of fulfillment and well-being, promoting a healthier and happier lifestyle.

Vivid variety

Add a burst of color to your hanging baskets, window boxes and shaded landscapes with Beacon® Impatiens. Available in eight distinct colors and seven mix variations, Beacon® Impatiens are easy to customize to complement your garden's aesthetic. This year, the brand has introduced two new impatiens colors guaranteed to delight gardeners. Impatiens Beacon® Lipstick boasts a bold, sassy red that makes a statement in any garden. Additionally, the brand unveiled the new Impatiens Beacon® Pearl Island Mixture, which includes an exclusive preview of the forthcoming "Blue Pearl" variety, not yet available on the market, blended with coral and white blossoms. The Beacon® mixes are named after renowned lighthouses worldwide, particularly in areas where the disease impatiens downy mildew has posed significant challenges - a problem now solved by Beacon®! They have high resistance to disease and will thrive all season.

Regardless of the color (or colors!) you select from Beacon® Impatiens, your garden will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression.

Disease-fighting flowers

When growing impatiens, gardeners must be on guard against impatiens downy mildew (IDM), which is caused by a host-specific water spore. The disease can spread rapidly, and if even one flower becomes infected, it must be removed and discarded to prevent further spread.

Fortunately, the team at PanAmerican Seed® has diligently searched for impatiens varieties resistant to this disease. After extensive plant trials and testing, the company discovered a selection of impatiens demonstrating high resistance to IDM, leading to the creation of Beacon® Impatiens. By planting Beacon® Impatiens, you can rest assured that they'll have a strong defense against IDM infestations, providing peace of mind for your garden.

Blooms that give back

PanAmerican Seed® strives to bring happiness to gardens everywhere, and not just with their flowers. Each year, the company allocates a portion of its global sales from Beacon® Impatiens to shine the light on and support charitable organizations.

For the 2024 gardening season, PanAmerican Seed® and its popular brand of Beacon® Impatiens will partner with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to support their fundraising efforts and help fight a disease that affects 2.8 million persons worldwide. Now in its fifth year, the disease-resistant Beacon® series continues to donate to various organizations through annual charitable donations from a percentage of global seed sales, raising awareness and supporting community initiatives.

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How workplaces can contribute to COPD risk

(StatePoint) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is a long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. Impacting 11.7 million people in the United States, many people think of it only as a disease that impacts people who smoke and use tobacco products, but long-term exposure to dust, chemicals, fumes and vapors from the workplace are also risk factors.

In fact, work-related exposures account for 10-20% of either respiratory symptoms or lung function impairment consistent with COPD.

To help people understand the many facets of COPD risk, the American Lung Association is launching a campaign to raise awareness of occupational COPD. As part of the campaign, they are sharing patient insights, along with information to help people identify workplace risk factors and signs of disease progression.

Knowing the Risk Factors

Mary Cohen, who lives with COPD, started having symptoms when working at a nail and hair salon.

"I did not realize that working in a hair and nail salon doing nails would put me at risk for lung disease, COPD," says Cohen.

The leading industries and job types that increase risk for COPD include agriculture, mining and manufacturing, however many types of workplaces, from construction to welding, can potentially expose workers to harmful irritants that can contribute to developing COPD. Workplace exposures include:

- Secondhand smoke
- Mineral dusts like silica, coal and asbestos
- Organic dusts like cotton, wood and grains
- Metal or welding fumes like cadmium
- Diesel or exhaust fumes
- Asphalt, tar fumes, or vapor in roads or roofing
- Smoke from fires

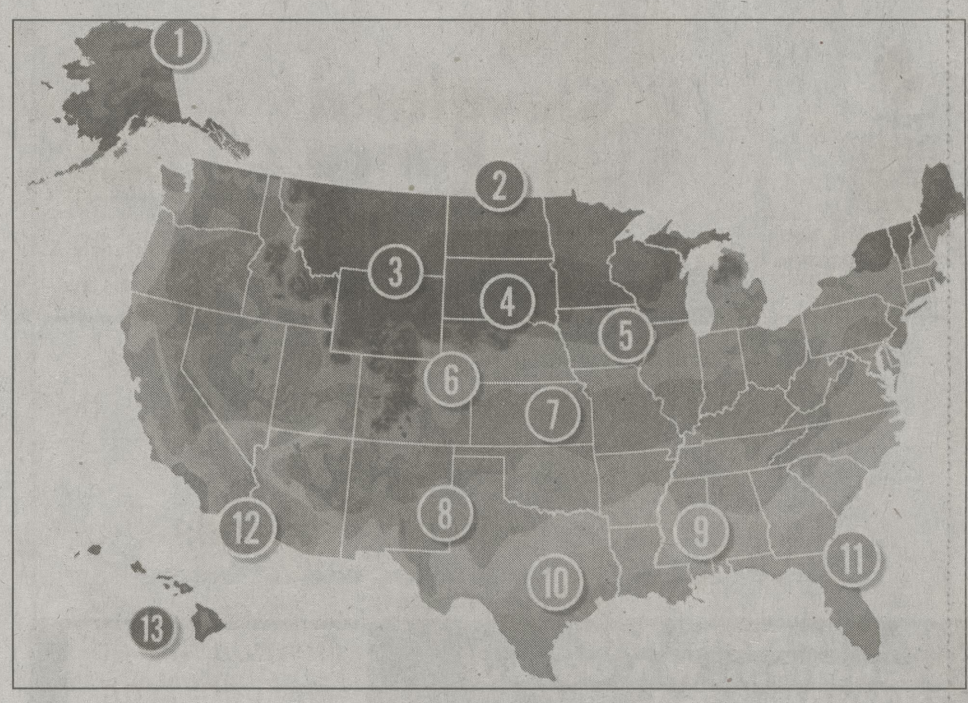
Recognizing the Signs

While there is no cure for COPD, it is often preventable and once diagnosed, can be managed and treated. That's why recognizing the symptoms as early as possible is so important. These symptoms include shortness of breath, a cough that may bring up sputum (mucus or phlegm), wheezing, tiredness or fatigue, or repeated lung infections like bronchitis or pneumonia. Perhaps a person notices they are taking the elevator instead of the stairs because of shortness of breath, or that they develop a lingering cough every time they sweep sawdust. Unfortunately, people often attribute these changes to their health to aging or because they have gained weight or are out of shape.

If a person has been exposed to risk factors for occupational COPD or has symptoms, the American Lung Association recommends that they speak to their healthcare provider. Learn more at Lung.org/workplace-COPD.

The workplace is where people spend hours of their day and years of their life. Learning more about how to protect the lungs at work is critical.

How to pick plants that will thrive in your climate



(StatePoint) When choosing what kind of plants to put down in your yard, you likely focus on the what and the where. After all, a beautiful plant in a prime location enhances curb appeal and even bragging rights.

You may pay less attention though to understanding your plant hardiness zone and all the ramifications that come with it. To help ensure your plants don't just survive, but thrive, the experts at lawn care equipment manufacturer Exmark are sharing the following insights about plant hardiness:

What is Plant Hardiness?

The secret to growing healthier plants is called plant hardiness. Plant hardiness is the ability of a plant to survive adverse growing conditions such as drought, flooding, heat and cold. Ever watched with frustration as a late-season temperature dip leaves your beautiful buds with a serious case of frostbite? That's why plant hardiness zones were developed.

American farming contributes billions of dollars to the gross national product every year, which is one reason why the USDA has long monitored weather data. If determining when the average final frost may occur for every region in the country is worth billions, what could that same knowledge mean for your garden? Well, choosing plants with hardiness levels appropriate to specific planting zones gives you the best chance of gardening and landscaping success.

What is My Growing Zone?

The United States is divided into 13 zones. Zones 1-6 being the coldest, and 7-13 the warmest. Zone 1 averages -60 degrees F while zone 13 never drops below 70 degrees F. A general guideline is to plant anything designated for your zone or lower, but never higher. Know what zone you live in, and be sure to always check the tag on the back of the plant or seed pack before planting anything.

Perennials Versus Annuals

There's a reason you see palm trees in Miami, not Minnetonka, Minn. In the case of perennials, it's not about when the first frost is, but how cold it gets, and whether that plant can survive and thrive through winter.

Plant hardiness zones are less important however when it comes to annuals. Because these plants are only meant to last the length of one growing season; waiting until after the average first frost date will save you from having to re-plant. Know that even if your plant survives the frost, it may never match the photo you saw advertised at the nursery.

Planting Zone Rule of Thumb

Plant hardiness zone maps are, well, all over the map. Consider the number assigned to your zip code as a starting point. You may live right at the break between one zone and the other. Remember that it's better to guess too low, than too high. In the South, the heat can put real stress on a plant not made for it. Your particular geography can also affect your hardiness zone, like if you live on a hill or in a valley.

For more insights, check out the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map, and watch "Find Your Plant Hardiness Zone," a recent episode of "Backyard Smart," an original series from lawn care equipment manufacturer, Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners improve their outdoor living spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos.

Understanding what plants will thrive in your climate is essential to having a healthy lawn and garden. Fortunately, free resources abound to help you garden and landscape successfully.

Bringing luxury outdoors: tips for a high-end resort feel at home

(StatePoint) Elevating your outdoor space into a luxurious retreat that rivals a high-end resort is a dream that many homeowners share. Whether you're renovating your current property, planning a complete transformation, or starting fresh with a custom build, use these tips and design elements to get started.

- Embrace Seamless Indoor-Outdoor Living: Create a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces by incorporating features like bi-fold doors or expansive sliding glass doors that open onto a patio or courtyard. This continuous flow enhances your living experience and sets the stage for a resort-like ambiance.
- Go Big and Bold with Backyard Landscaping: According to experts, landscaping should provide contrast. "Incorporate modern aesthetics into your backyard with bold and innovative landscaping that includes both hard and soft elements," suggests Kevin Scott, owner and partner of Alair Sanibel, a custom home builder in Southwest Florida.
- Put Modern Twists on Natural Elements: Bringing the beauty of nature into your outdoor design will create a calming environment. To maintain a contemporary feel, use materials like stone, wood and bamboo in creative ways, such as with modern sculptural planters, sleek wooden decking or minimalist stone pathways.
- Create a Cozy "Sanetuary": Leili Fatemi, of Leili Design Studio, recommends transforming your outdoor space into an extension of your interiors to achieve harmony. Choose cozy and comfortable furniture like sofas, lounges, swings and dining sets, and add finishing touches such as pillows, rugs and accessories. "When selecting outdoor items, opt for weather-resistant materials like wrought iron, teakwood, and outdoor-grade wicker and fabrics that are 100% solution-dyed acrylic for fade- and mildew-resistance," advises Fatemi, emphasizing the importance of easy-care living.
- Introduce Water Features and Outdoor Luxury Showers: Capture the resort-like feel by incorporating water features such as fountains, reflecting pools or small waterfalls, as well as stunning additions like outdoor luxury showers for a spa-like experience.
- Enhance Ambiance with Outdoor Sound Systems: Install high-quality sound systems so you can enjoy convenience and comfort outdoors, whether relaxing or entertaining guests.
- Illuminate with Smart Outdoor Lighting: Consider installing smart outdoor lighting systems that can be controlled remotely to improve security and safety and to highlight landscaping and architectural features at night.
- Create a Versatile Outdoor Retreat: Incorporate a backyard studio that can serve as a sheltered spot for various purposes such as a guest room, home office or party room.
- Focus on Wellness and Entertainment: Design outdoor spaces that promote wellness and entertainment. LeTricia Zogheib of Zogheib Necessary Luxury recommends incorporating features like a giant chess set or innovative installations. "I recently had a client request an outdoor TV installed at the end of his pool that could rise from the ground and rotate for different seating positions," says Zogheib.

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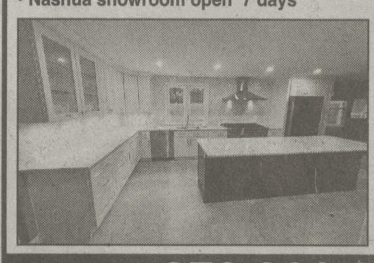

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Tips for new homeowners to set up their smart home

(BPT) - You've just bought your new house - congratulations! As you start moving in, this is the perfect time to set up all the smart home products that can benefit your family's safety, security and comfort. Getting these products in place can help you have greater peace of mind as you get used to your new home and neighborhood. And even if you've lived in the same home for years, these smart home upgrades are well worth the effort.

Here are ways you can optimize technology to make your home feel more safe and secure.

Replace standard locks with smart locks

Unless you're moving into a new build, one of the first things you'll want to do is change all your door locks. Consider installing smart locks instead, which allow you to create and control passcodes and remotely control locks with an app - so you won't ever worry that you forgot to lock the door on the way out, or that family members will be locked out if they misplace their key.

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Monitor your home while you're away

You can set up motion alerts to notify you when there's any activity around your home with a Ring Video Doorbell or outdoor security cameras. Ring devices are controlled through the Ring app, where you can see what's happening live on the other end of your Ring device and choose to use Two-Way Talk as needed to chat with someone on your property.

Add outdoor lighting for a safer property

Outdoor lighting adds more than just aesthetics to your home - installing motion-activated smart lighting can help light up dark areas or blind spots, deterring unwanted visitors and making your home more secure. With Ring's Smart Lighting and a Ring Bridge, you can control the lights from the Ring app and link them to your Ring doorbells and cameras so if one of your smart lights detects motion, it can trigger your camera or doorbell to record.

Test and upgrade smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

The U.S. Fire Administration recommends testing smoke detectors at least once a month and replacing batteries once or twice a year, so make sure to set calendar reminders. For added peace of mind, consider replacing standard detectors with Wi-Fi enabled smart smoke detectors, which give you real-time notifications to your smartphone if smoke or carbon monoxide is detected - which is especially important if you're not at home.

Increase comfort and save money with a smart thermostat

Smart thermostats make it far easier not only to program times when you want to reduce heat or cooling (such as when nobody's home), but they can even sense when your house is empty to switch to energy-saving mode. This can save energy and money over time. You can also adjust temperatures right from your smartphone, so you'll never forget to adjust the thermostat when you head out on vacation - and you can make changes as needed wherever you are. Even better, you can start warming up (or cooling down) the house when you're on your way home again, so you'll be comfortable the moment you arrive.

Putting these smart features in place before or shortly after you move into your new house will help you feel confident that you and your family will be able to relax and enjoy your new environment, so everyone will feel right at home.

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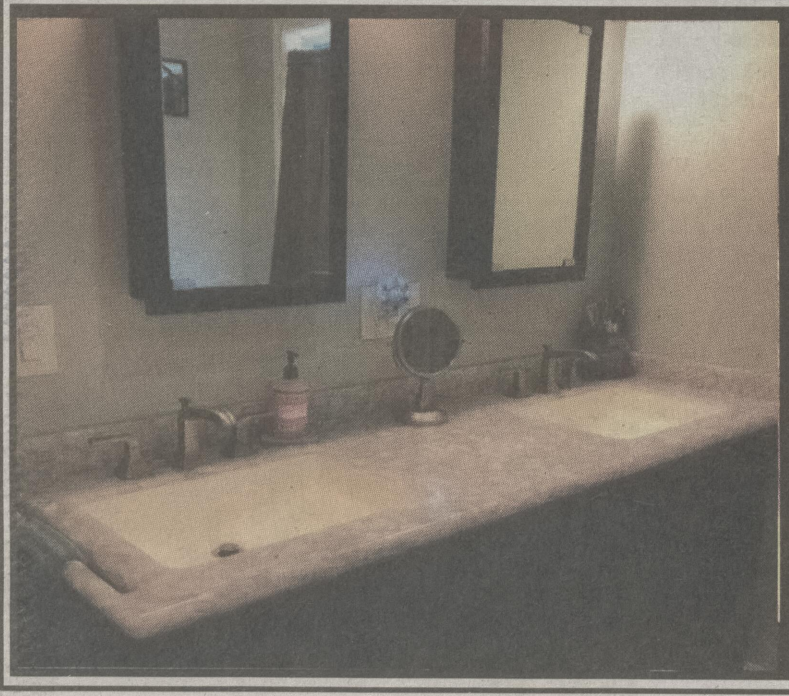

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